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**War veteran Alan Smith survived the horrors of the Japanese POW camps. He wanted to pay his respects to those who did not return. But then Harlow Council told the town's Far East Prisoner of War Association to postpone its annual VJ Day remembrance service. The reason? So workmen could paint some white lines in a car park**

## DISGRACEFUL



**COUNCIL chiefs were accused this week of showing a lack of respect after ordering war veterans to postpone a remembrance service for Second World War heroes.**

Members of the Far East Prisoner of War Association were shocked when they were told they would have to cancel Friday's Victory over Japan Day service in the Town Park because workmen were due to paint white lines in a public car park where the memorial stone is situated.

Furious FEPOW secretary Shirley Simpkin spent the morning arguing with council officials who at first insisted the group would have to rearrange their service for another day.

But she pointed out that VJ Day only happened once a year and branded the council disrespectful. Eventually it backed down just one hour before the service was due to take place.

"I couldn't believe the attitude of the council," Mrs Simpkin told the Star. "They were telling us we had

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to cancel the service but you can't just rearrange VJ Day because some lines had to be painted in a car park. "It showed a distinct lack of respect for these brave men who had to endure such horrific suffering at the hands of their Japanese captors."

"There may be only two veterans left with us in our branch but this day is so important for them and to try and deny them their right to remember their friends and colleagues is shocking."

Alan Smith (86), who spent three years in a Japanese POW camp after being captured by the crew of a German ship, added: "There are so many memories of my time as a prisoner of war and it's important for me to come along to a remembrance service like this to reflect on that time of my life. I will never forget."

A Harlow Council spokeswoman apologised to the association and said the problem had arisen because Friday had been the only day available for contractors to complete the necessary work.

"This has been a very big mistake and we're sorry for any inconvenience it has caused," she said. "We needed to have the white lines repainted but didn't realise it would disrupt a memorial service."

**ALAN SMITH:** 'It's important for me to come along to a remembrance service like this'

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## Families united for anniversary of soldiers' deaths

THE parents of a Harlow soldier killed in a friendly fire incident in Afghanistan are to mark the first anniversary of his death with an emotional trip to Ben Nevis to see his comrade's ashes scattered.

Private Robert Foster (19), pictured right, died alongside Private John Thrumble (21), from Chelmsford, and Private Aaron McClure (19), from Ipswich, when a US plane bombed their position during fighting on August 23 last year. The incident is currently subject of a military investigation.

John and Lisa Foster, of Great Plumtree, Harlow, will walk to the summit of the Scottish landmark on Saturday to support Mr Thrumble's parents, Steve and Pearl.

Mr McClure's family will also be making the trip, as will about 30 soldiers from the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment in which all three men served.

Mr Foster said all the families had



become close during the past year. "We all said we were going to be together for the anniversary. We thought it was quite important because we are going to be together in this forever more."

"We are also running away ourselves to a certain degree. We felt like we should be in Harlow for the anniversary because our family and friends and everyone have been so good to us, but we knew we had to deal with this in the best way we could and when Steve said about scattering the ashes on the 23rd we said 'we will be there for you'."

Mr Foster said the location was chosen by John Thrumble's family because he was always active and liked climbing.

Robert Foster's friends will be marking the anniversary in Harlow by donning memorial T-shirts and gathering at a bench outside his former primary school, in Ward Hatch, on Saturday to pay their respects.

# Councillors take £170k expenses

**HARLOW councillors claimed almost £170,000 in expenses and allowances in the last financial year.**

The figures released by the council detail money paid to 38 elected members for their basic allowances and special responsibilities allowances, as well as expenses for travel, phone and childcare costs.

At the top of the list was Eleanor Macy (Liberal Democrat), who received £10,205.86 remuneration for the 2007-08 year.

Alongside her basic allowance of £3,674.32 was her allowance for chairing the environment and community committee, for which she received £4,198.87.

And included in her expenses was a childcare allowance of £1,783.50, making her the only member to claim it.

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The council's constitution states it will reimburse childcare costs for the use of registered childminders to allow councillors to attend approved duties.

Ms Macy attended committee meetings for which she is a member – full council, licensing and planning – as well as chairing environment and community for a total of 23 hours and seven minutes during that year.

She also claimed the highest car mileage – 373.13 miles – of any councillor.

Second and third on the lists were joint leaders during that year, Tony Durcan (Labour) who was awarded £9,986.63 in allowances and expenses and Chris Millington (Liberal Democrat) taking £9,792.70, both taking home a half share of the leader's and deputy leader's allowance.

A council spokesman said: "The Members' Allowance Scheme for Harlow Council is set by a fully independent remuneration panel."

"The scheme permits the claiming of childcare expenses to facilitate a member carrying out their official duties. This sort of payment is a standard item in such schemes and is designed to encourage democratic involvement from all ages and parts of society."

"Expenses are only paid following the submission of a claim by the member in relation to official duties carried out."

He added: "During the past year Ms Macy was a key member of the administration and a very active committee chairwoman."

"As a single parent with one pre-school aged child, all her council commitments required the use of childcare."

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## IT improvement for surgery

OPERATING theatre services at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital are to improve with the installation of an electronic information system to use time

more efficiently.

It also identifies any problems with waiting lists so they can be addressed before patients are admitted for surgery.

The program, known as Operating Room Management Information System, or ORMIS for short, is part of a Government initiative to modernise the NHS and is being hailed as a major tool in improving efficiency and patient care.

It went live earlier this year in the nine main theatres and the Alexandra Day Unit and will soon link in with a support program called SCAN-TRACK, which will be rolled out to the central sterile supplies department later this year to ensure sterile instruments are available at the time of booking a patient on to the operating list.

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## Builder jailed for cabbie kill threat

A BUILDER who threatened to kill a Harlow cabbie before robbing him has been jailed.

Martin Swash (29), from Waltham Cross, was jailed for two years by St Albans Crown Court last Wednesday after admitting robbery.

Sally Mealing-McLeod, prosecuting, said Swash had ordered a minicab from ABC cars in October from Harlow to Potters Bar.

He paid £30 up front but on arrival he told

the driver: "Give me the money or I will kill you." He then took £60.

Benjamin Posener, representing Swash, said in mitigation the offence was out of character.

Recorder Thomas Nicholson-Pratt told Swash: "This offence is so serious it passes the custody threshold. I have considered whether I can avoid a prison sentence but I'm afraid I cannot."

## Spray day fun keeps teens amused



THE writing was on the wall for youths taking part in a summer project actively encouraging graffiti.

The artwork was created by a dozen youngsters aged 11-16 on a wall at the Nicholls Field Play Barn as part of Positive Activities for Young People, sponsored by Essex County Council and Connexions.

Children seen as potentially vulnerable to summer holiday boredom joined professional artist Ed Shearon for the day.

Organiser Jo Busson said: "It was amazing to see children from a whole range of circumstances come together and have the time of their life."

(photo: JGBX2DD/02)

## Fly-tipping bill tops £150,000

MORE than 52 tonnes of junk has been illegally dumped in Harlow during the past four months this year, costing taxpayers thousands of pounds.

The council has received more than 500 reports of fly-tipping since April, with sofas, fridges, other household goods and waste dumped in ditches and lay-bys.

Clearing it up cost the cash-strapped authority more than £150,000 last financial year – and the problem looks set to continue eating into resources.

Environment and community committee chairman Eddie Johnson said: "The removal of fly-tipping in Harlow cost a whopping £152,955 to

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clear up last year – money which came straight out of the pockets of local Council Tax payers and could have been used for other services.

"I urge people to think twice before casually dumping their rubbish and expecting others to foot the bill. Apart from being expensive to clear up, anti-social and damaging to the environment, offenders who are caught fly-tipping could face prosecution, heavy fines and imprisonment if found guilty."

In the past financial year, 344 tonnes of fly-tipping waste was cleared in Harlow, about 100 tonnes

less than the previous 06/07 year.

Mr Johnson added: "It's not just the minority of residents who fly-tip. There are also companies that don't dispose of rubbish legally."

"Residents should be wary of people who knock on their door to take rubbish away."

"Unless the company has a Waste Carrier Licence, they are not allowed to offer this service and residents could be fined up to £5,000 under the Waste (Household Duty of Care) Regulations 2005 if their waste is dumped illegally – even if someone else has dumped it."

● TO report an incident or a person they suspect of fly-tipping, call the council anonymously on (01279) 446655.

## Cops hunt for violent muggers after attack

A TEENAGE gang is being sought by police after two people were punched during a violent robbery in Harlow.

The alleged incident is said to have taken place in First Avenue between 10.20pm and 10.30pm last Wednesday when a group of eight youths aged 14-17 surrounded a 19-year-old man and his 18-year-old friend.

The 19-year-old was punched several times and had his Prada mobile phone taken from him. His friend was punched in the face.

Police are now keen to trace the group, two of them in particular. The first is said to be white, baby-faced, aged 15-16,

of slim build, with short dark hair and between 1.65m (5ft 5ins) and 1.7m (5ft 7ins) tall. He was wearing a black hooded top, black tracksuit bottoms and white trainers.

The second is about 16, of medium build with short blonde messy hair. He was wearing a black jacket and grey tracksuit bottoms.

A police spokeswoman said: "Police are keen to bring these youths to justice. This was a particularly violent attack in a relatively quiet area."

Anybody with information should call Harlow police on 0300 333444 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Warning over vehicle crime

A WARNING has been issued following a spate of vehicle crime in Harlow.

Six cars and two mopeds were stolen and several items swiped

from parked cars last week.

Crime reduction officer Graham Anthony is now urging drivers not to leave vehicles unsecured or items on display.

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## Pair are jailed for smuggling cocaine to UK

TWO men involved in flying in large quantities of class A drugs to North Weald and distributing them in Hertfordshire and the south-east have been sentenced to a total of 20 years in prison.

Addison George (43) of Woodside, Thornwood, was jailed for 12 years on Friday after earlier denying but being found guilty of conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Matthew Coles (27), of Plomer Avenue, Hoddesdon, was given eight years after earlier admitting conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

During the trial, Cambridge Crown Court heard George, a pilot, would fly his from North Weald Airfield to Le Touquet, in northern France, to collect a case containing a large quantity of cocaine. He would then return, travel to Wormley and exchange the case.

The court heard how on September 6 last year, Matthew Coles – who acted as a courier – collected the case George had picked up earlier that day. He was stopped by police in Hoddesdon and arrested. The case contained eight kilos of cocaine with a street value of more than £600,000.

George was arrested the next day at North Weald Airfield and both were charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Detective Inspector Dave Wheatley, from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit which led the operation, said: "This result represents the culmination of many months hard work, determination and patience. We have successfully succeeded in removing a large quantity of class A drugs from our streets and have disrupted a major organised crime operation."

# Meetings to outline bin collection plans

**RESIDENTS** opposed to the scrapping of weekly bin collections will soon get the chance to air their views on the controversial plans when Harlow Council hosts two public meetings.

The authority has organised the question-and-answer sessions to help tackle some of the anger and confusion over the controversial and widely unpopular plan, which will see the cur-

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rent refuse collection system scrapped in favour of alternate weekly pick-ups of residual waste and recyclable materials from wheeled bins.

Both residents and opposition councillors have expressed their concerns with the proposals, with many fearing the introduction of wheeled bins will leave residential

areas looking unsightly and smelling unpleasant – although the ruling Conservative group has attempted to allay fears of any untoward odours by pointing out that weekly collections of food waste will continue.

Council leader Andrew Johnson said: "When the next stage in the renewal of the waste contract was agreed in July we made a commitment that we would give local people the opportunity to find out more about the proposals and ask questions."

"August is a busy month for most house-

holds so that's why we have decided to hold the meetings in September."

The authority has also set up a page about the plan on its website – [www.harlow.gov.uk](http://www.harlow.gov.uk) – featuring a list of frequently asked questions. It will be updated as the contract tendering process continues.

● To book a place at one of the meetings, which take place from 7pm-9pm on September 17 at the Latton Bush Centre, in Southern Way, and in the Civic Centre on September 22, call (01279) 446869 or email [terri.marjoram@harlow.gov.uk](mailto:terri.marjoram@harlow.gov.uk).

## A treat for hip shoppers



BODY-popping youngsters strutted their stuff at Harlow's Harvey Centre yesterday (Wednesday) as part of the shopping mall's summer of fun extravaganza.

Dance group Hip Hop Pop showed off their slick moves to shoppers in a two-hour afternoon demonstration, as well as giving wannabe Justin Timberlakes the chance to jump to the groove in a hip-hop masterclass.

Centre manager Bryan Young said: "The event was a great success. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the demonstration with a big crowd followed by a brilliant master class."

"Unfortunately I was unable to join in the masterclass as I was called away for an urgent telephone call!"

Pictured are, left to right, Shelley Radcliffe, Corrine Standingford, Jenny Bater, Cheryl Quantick, Bev Hockley, Harley Middleton and Stacey Dowers. (photo: V2YQTM3R/04)

## Police van smash

A MOBILE police station was in collision with a car close to the Hastingwood M11 roundabout on Saturday.

The Citroen Essex Police van was struck by a Ford Transit on the Chelmsford-bound carriageway of the A414 at 5.40pm.

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#### ● THE COTSWOLDS & MORETON IN MARSH MARKET ●

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## Community work for warden assault

A MOTORIST who pleaded guilty to assaulting a traffic warden in Harlow town centre has been ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid community work.

Dean Pugh (26), of Longbanks, Harlow, was also ordered to pay £250 costs after appearing at Epping Court on Tuesday charged with the assault of Kevin Fussell on May 17 this year.

Emma Farsley, prosecuting, told the court Pugh, who was on police bail for other alleged offences at the time, had parked his car in a disabled bay in East Gate while waiting for a friend when Mr Fussell approached the vehicle and asked him to move on.

But Pugh told the warden he had to pick up another friend from outside Yates's Wine Lodge and promptly reversed his car up to the entrance to the pub.

When Mr Fussell approached Pugh to again ask him once more to move as he was parked illegally, Pugh reacted angrily and hurled abuse at the warden.

Mr Fussell moved around to the front of Pugh's vehicle to attach a fixed penalty notice to the windshield but the car lurched forward and Pugh got out to confront him, threatening to give him "a good hiding".

He then pushed the traffic warden,

who lost his footing and fell but did not sustain any injuries.

CCTV footage of the events leading up to the incident was shown to magistrates, but the recording ended out before the assault itself had been captured on film.

Chris Casey, in mitigation, said unemployed father-of-one Pugh had since made a bid to turn his life around, attending more than 20 anger management classes and starting a training course to become an HGV driver.

Although he had previously been advised to plead not guilty, magistrates took into account his eventual guilty plea when passing sentence.

## Solar energy's boost for PAH

By LOUISE SASSOON

News Editor

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A BANK of solar panels have been installed at Harlow's hospital in one of the biggest energy efficiency projects the NHS has seen.

A total of 40 units have been positioned on the roofs of two buildings at Princess Alexandra Hospital to heat water, helping to reduce the facility's carbon emissions by almost 16 tonnes a year and slashing energy bills.

The £400,000 project, funded by the Department of Health, follows a successful pilot last year which saw six panels installed to heat water for the physiotherapy and eye units.

Bill Dickinson, energy manager at the Hamstel Road hospital, said: "It is anticipated this project will reduce our carbon footprint by 15.6 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> every year, allowing us to preheat our water supply through natural energy rather than relying on electricity.

"We are also hoping that as well as conserving energy it will save money - with gas going up, it could be quite a considerable saving."

The solar panels will heat water at A&E and the Jenny Ackroyd surgical centre by transferring energy captured from the sun to aluminium foil and copper rods which heat liquid when it passes over them.

The warm water is fed into a collection tank where it is heated to a higher temperature before entering the hospital's system.

The panels will work even on rainy days and in winter by using thermal energy from the atmosphere. They have already proved popular with other hospitals in the country.

As part of the project, two new energy-efficient boilers and energy-efficient street lighting have also been introduced.

"It is important that we take responsibility for the impact we are having on the environment," added Mr Dickinson. "This project is just one of a number of initiatives currently being introduced by the organisation to ensure we do our bit to protect precious resources."



**HOT STUFF:** Princess Alexandra Hospital estates operations manager Drew Bell with one of the solar heating panels (s)

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## Bus fuel leak delay

BUS passengers faced a minor disruption to services in Harlow when the Terminus Street station was forced to close for two hours on Tuesday by a fuel spill.

A bus driver ruptured his vehicle's fuel tank - possibly after hitting a loose drain cover - springing a diesel leak which was spotted when he pulled up at the station.

Arriva closed off the station temporarily and redirected services into Post Office Road.



## College chiefs to blame for present difficulties

SIR, I must correct an error in your website report on Harlow College's A-level results which states "the difficulties referred to by Mr Hindmarch relate to ... scores of lecturers walking out in protest at the principal's controversial implementation of a new teaching and learning strategy."

I would point out that staff did not walk out in protest at the implementation of the teaching and learning strategy. A strike was held over the deplorable nature of the new contracts which were wholly degrading to hard-working teachers.

The principal was responsible for sacking half of the staff who 'walked out' last year because he decided that they were opposed to the teaching and learning strategy when, in truth, they were not. The other half chose redundancy rather than to continue working in such an institution that has such utter contempt for the profession that it offers truly appalling terms and conditions and presumes to tell teachers what they think.

Mr Hindmarch, his sycophantic lackeys and the corporation board are entirely responsible for the difficulties that the college is now in and, more importantly, for the betrayal of so many students whose potential remains unfulfilled.

Teachers were sacked for purely vindictive motives – because they questioned the reasoning behind making students study a single academic subject for a whole day once a week, and for spending time setting daily targets (which management were too dim to comprehend) instead of teaching students. None of these had anything to do with the teaching and learning strategy.

It is Mr Hindmarch who has abused the strategy as an excuse for pursuing a political agenda. It is he who has consistently ignored his own strategy as he has failed to achieve the excellence he promised, failed to deliver the value for money he promised and failed to stand by the ethos of team-building, consultation and pursuing best practice which are all proclaimed within the teaching and learning strategy.

**Name and address supplied – Editor**

SIR, I am very surprised to read that Harlow College principal Colin Hindmarch has ceased to allow it to be a member of the education consortium and that this has been done despite opposition from the local MP.

What exactly is the point in having an elected representative if the person who actually delivers such an essential community service can ignore him and continue regardless?

Mr Hindmarch says it is a waste of money to continue being a part of the consortium with its £3,500 subscription. This is a bit rich from a principal who blew more than a million pounds getting rid of people he disagreed with, isn't it?

**Pauline Wentworth**  
Rushes Mead, Harlow

SIR, Why am I not surprised to learn that Harlow College 'in looking after the best interests of the corporation' stalled by two years the development of a university building on the college site?

Partially, I suppose, because I am informed that this is the same college corporation that has recently withdrawn from the Harlow Educational Consortium and partially because, in the two years since the appointment of the principal, the college has displayed a lamentable lack of any understanding of the notion of partnership – something which, under previous leadership, was seen as an essential pre-requisite for the development of educational provision within the town.

Excellence demands the ability to think and act strategically in the wider interest of the community. Harlow, if it is to thrive economically needs the input that a university can provide. This initiative should have been welcomed, not obstructed.

**Tony Edwards**  
Felmongers, Harlow

## Green Wedge lip service

SIR, It has been brought to my attention that there is a planning application before Harlow Council for a substantial building on one of the town's Green Wedges. The application has been made by Harlow Health Centres Trust for a new health centre to replace Lister House at Staple Tye. It seems the application is part of the regeneration scheme being undertaken by Harlow Renaissance.

The application documents state that it would not be possible to provide a larger replacement for Lister House on the existing site due to space restrictions, even though a larger health centre will be needed to meet future demands. This is both cynical and economical with the truth. The truth is that the space occupied currently by Lister House will be sold off to a developer for residential purposes.

We have been assured by all political parties in the town, by our MP and by successive councils that the Green Wedges are a vital part of our town and must not be encroached upon. The Adopted Replacement Harlow

Local Plan confirms this, albeit with some get-out clauses. Yet here we are again with our 'sacred' Green Wedges under threat from the very people who we entrust to protect them! It seems that they will not stop until the Green Wedges are all gone.

Is it not, therefore, cynical that a planning application is lodged by a public body on behalf of a body sponsored by the Government, the county council, the district council and others to build on a Green Wedge? They know that they would not dare apply for permission to build dwellings on a Green Wedge, so they think that we might be seduced by a shiny new, state-of-the-art health centre instead. Well, a health centre looks very much like a block of flats to most of us.

Building on our Green Wedges is totally unacceptable. Lister House must stay on or near its current site south of Southern Way, within the Staple Tye Neighbourhood Centre area. I will be telling my councillors this. If **Star** readers agree with me, I hope that they will too.

**John Curry**  
Old Orchard, Harlow

## Season's greetings

SIR, Yes, it's here. Christmas has arrived at the Harvey Centre. Now I love Christmas as much as anyone but I happen to enjoy it in December, not the middle of August.

A card shop which shall remain nameless has, as of last Friday, already started to put out on display their Christmas cards. What's really sad is the next time I walk past the shop I have no doubt there will be people actually buying them.

Ironically on the same day I bumped into a friend of mine who was just about to go to Corfu on his summer holiday.

It really is becoming very stupid. How on earth can retailers begin to justify what they are doing? I actually feel sorry for families with very young children who will see this display and start to think it's Christmas already. That is, of course, while they are still on their school summer break.

If it's a case of starting early, then surely by September they will be selling Valentine cards and come November selling Easter cards.

Anyway, I'm off to order my Christmas tree and finish buying the presents. Hopefully the mince pies and Christmas pud should be in the shops next week. I don't know whether to sign off wishing everyone a lovely summer or a merry Christmas. You decide.

**Steve Wilson**  
Orchard Lane, Old Harlow

## Credit where it's due

SIR, I felt the need to write and give my public thanks to a young lady whose honesty has overwhelmed me.

Last week, while shopping the local grocery store at Maunds Hatch, I dropped a substantial amount of money. Unfortunately, I did not realise this until checking my purse the following day.

I decided to return to the shop just in case it had been handed in. To my utter surprise and delight, a young assistant had found it and handed it in to her superiors.

I have thanked her personally but just felt the need to put pen to paper and say what a delight it is to know that there are honest people out there, especially in the current climate and poor impression that seems to follow teenagers of today.

So, a sincere thank-you, Mags – you are a credit to your family and our society.

**Linda D. Jones**  
Rundells, Harlow

## You can keep my bins

SIR, With reference to the wheelie bin fiasco, I am going to do an extra bit for the Harlow Council taxpayers. Council leader Andrew Johnson, when you order the bins deduct two from the total – I have nowhere to put them, I do not want them and if they are delivered I will return them.

Secondly, by what right does councillor Johnson hold a secret meeting to dispose of the town's assets? Because of the incompetence of the administration (all parties) the town is in debt. Tell us what you want to sell off, then stand back for a double broadband.

All those people who voted for him must be cringing with embarrassment.

**D. Grainger**  
Fennells, Harlow

## Get rid of old shelter

SIR, Will someone with common sense please arrange to knock down the very old bus shelter in the town centre, right near the modern bus lounge. What an eyesore.

Visitors to this town must be shocked to see that thing standing there with broken glass all around, a certain safety hazard. Perhaps the council could do some fundraising and finish the job properly.

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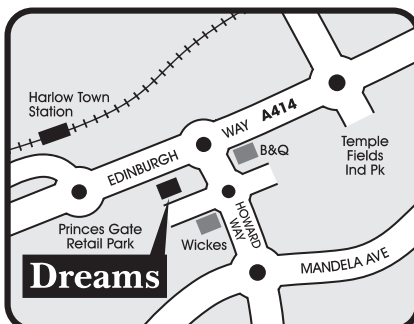
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# Rikesh all set for a brilliant career

A BRILLIANT student from Harlow is on his way to Cambridge University after notching up an impressive six A grades at A-level.

Rikesh Rajani (18), pictured right, of Tye Green Village, was the top-performing student at Bishop's Stortford College, with A grades in physics, chemistry, biology, maths, further maths and French.

He is now looking forward to



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attending King's College to study natural sciences.

"Although I'd been predicted six As, I still couldn't quite believe it when I opened my results – I was ecstatic!", he said.

"To get the chance to study at such a prestigious university is an honour, and although I'm not yet sure what sort of career I'm going to pursue, it will most likely be in scientific research."

# A-level results fall at college

HARLOW College principal Colin Hindmarch has brushed off crashing A-C A-level grades by claiming that top marks are not his priority.

The total number of passes for A-C grades achieved by Harlow College students this summer has dropped by eight per cent, from 60 per cent in 2007 to just 52 per

By JIM TANFIELD and  
CHRIS MOSS  
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cent.

Speaking after the results were released on Thursday, Mr Hindmarch claimed the sharp drop is a result of the college allowing students who would not normally complete their A-levels due to poor AS grades to carry on.

He said his priority was for students to finish the course with a pass (A-E grade) which improves his much-touted 'success rate' – currently estimated to be 82 per cent.

"I am hung up on success rates, that's true," said Mr Hindmarch. "But it's the right thing to do."

The overall pass rate at grades A-E also suffered this year, with the college dropping two percentage points to 94 per cent from 96 per cent in 2007.

"Clearly we want to improve the pass rate rather than seeing it go down," he said. "Having said that, there were a lot of difficulties in the college last year and the staff and students had to work extremely hard to get a 94 per cent pass rate."

"So for those students who have done well – and a great many of our students have done well and are off now to the university of their choice or the career of their choice – I am extremely pleased."

MP Bill Rammell said: "I am concerned that with all the disruption that has accompanied the Principal's Teaching and Learning Strategy, we have actually seen a fall in the A2 pass rate."

● FINAL-year students at St Mark's Catholic School recorded a 96 per cent pass rate at grades A-E, a drop of one per cent, with 55 per cent achieving grades A-C.

Head teacher David Brunwin said: "These are excellent results for this cohort, for their families and for Harlow. Our sixth form draws from all the other schools in Harlow and I extend my congratulations to these schools for their work in successfully getting these students through GCSE studies and giving them the grounding for A-level study."

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the end of their Kidz Klub children's week. Rev Joth Hunt said: "The day was the most successful we have had to date and we are encouraged by the amount of people who attended."

"It was an excellent day for the community which was enjoyed by everybody who attended."

## ALL SMILES:

Clockwise from top left, Summer and Joe Parkins (photo: GPHKVZN /04); Logan Travers (photo: GPHKVZN/05); Max De La Cour with the Rev Joth Hunt (photo: GPHKVZN /07); Hayley Marie and Joshua Jointson (photo: GPHKVZN/01)



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# Make your vote count

THE shortlist for this year's Harlow Hotspots competition has been announced – and now it's time for you to vote for the project you want to win.

The aim of Harlow Hotspots, which is run by Harlow Renaissance and supported by the **Star**, Harlow Council and Essex County Council, is to find a project which will benefit the community and enhance the local environment.

We asked community groups, societies, tenant associations and voluntary organisations throughout the town to nominate a project.

The idea was to whittle the nominations down to a shortlist of three, with the project gaining the most number of public votes being declared the winner. But such was the response that it was decided the shortlist would be expanded to six projects, with the top two being chosen for action.

Now it's up to you. A brief description of all six shortlisted projects appears in the panel on the right and full details are the **Star's** website at [www.harlowstar.co.uk](http://www.harlowstar.co.uk). All you have to do is log on, choose the one you want to win and then cast your vote. You have until next Wednesday (August 27) to do so.



## THE CONTENDERS

**1 Old Hall Rise Pond off Church Langley Way** (nominated by Harlow Conservation Volunteers). This will benefit local residents, children using the adjacent playground, wildlife including birds and great crested newts.

**2 Nettleswell Plantation** (nominated by Harlow Conservation Volunteers). This will benefit walkers using the footpath network, people exploring the wildlife and biodiversity of the site, local residents and town centre workers using the area for short walks.

**3 Parndon Wood Nature Reserve and Hawkenbury Meadow Local Nature Reserve** (nominated by Wildspace). This will benefit birdwatchers, schoolchildren on educational visits, local wildlife, walkers and nature enthusiasts and Wildspace volunteers.

**4 Front entrance of Third Avenue underpass** (nominated by Creative Space). This will benefit everyone who uses this busy underpass.

**5 Katherines Hatch** (nominated by Great Parndon Community Association). This will benefit all the residents of the Katherines area including local schoolchildren.

**6 Harlow Town Park paddling pool** (nominated by Harlow Arts Trust and Friends of Harlow Sculpture Collection). New sculpture will benefit the people of Harlow, park visitors and local children.

Don't worry if you do not have access to a computer. You can still cast your vote by visiting the Harlow Renaissance marquee at the Harlow Show in the Town Park on Sunday, August 31. It is hoped that the two projects which have received the most votes will be announced at the end of the show.

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## Town's drugs worker up for award

AN innovative programme which uses art to rehabilitate drug and alcohol abusers has won its Harlow founder national recognition.

Alison Firth, a drop-in co-ordinator at the town's Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service based in The Stow, has been nominated for the prestigious Tackling Drugs Changing Lives award for her creative efforts to help addicts kick the habit.

By encouraging her clients to express their feelings through art, it means that counselling sessions - which many people find difficult - are often not necessary.

"I felt confident that a creative arts drop-in service would best serve our clients, helping them to engage in activities that really would have enormous benefit to the management of their drug misuse," she said.

"Giving them this opportunity to explore their own creativity through the medium of art helps clients increase their self-esteem and self-worth."

Ms Firth will now have the chance to scoop a top prize of £10,000 to help fund project work and further expansion of the charity's services - a prospect she is thrilled about.

"We have a fantastic team who are full of drive and enthusiasm and all of whom are totally committed to our clients," she said. "I feel this nomination is a tribute to our client group as much as it is to me and to ADAS. I am so thrilled and excited to be considered for this award."

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I would just like to say to all friends and family, Thankyou for all your support and donations from everyone, especially ABC Cabs and A-Bee, and for giving Moose a lovely send off. Love Joanne, Michael, Pamela, Jordan, Justin

**EMMA BROAD**

Happy 18th Birthday.  
Have a good day.  
Love Mum and Steven

**Happy 18th KINGSLEY FINCH**

Luv u ldz  
Mum, Dad, Korey xxx

**MASON THOMAS PUGH**

Happy 1st Birthday to our special nephew on 21st August  
Lots of love,  
Auntie Emma & Uncle Matt xx

**AMI RYDER-LEESE**

Happy 18th Birthday  
Ami, "Picklepudd"  
Love from, Mum Sarah  
Nan Grandad Nanna  
Jill Paul Dean and Marc.

**TIDIMAN : SYRETT**

Congratulations Jaime and Nick on your Wedding Day 24th August 2008  
Wishing you happiness always  
Hope you have a lovely day  
Lots of love Mum and Dad x x

**Birthdays****FAY BACON**

Happy 21st Birthday,  
22nd August.  
All our love Mum,  
Richard, Dionne and David xx

**EMMA BROAD**

My little darling  
Happy 18th on the 24th August!  
Enjoy the party.  
Love and kisses, Big Sis Laura and Ben xxx

**HARRISON FRIEND**

Happy 10th Birthday Love  
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**KEENAN MCNALLY**

Happy 21st. Best wishes.  
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Love, Sarah x

**TIDIMAN : SYRETT**

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love you  
Nan  
x x

**TIDIMAN : SYRETT**

Jaime and Nick  
Wishing you every happiness on your Wedding Day and always  
All our love  
Kim, Paul, Tyler and Kyran  
x x x x

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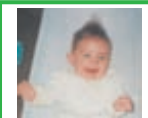
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Love Mum, Dad, Sally, Dave, Scott and Lucy. xx

**JOYCE CARTER**

Happy 80th Love Tom, Barry and Graham xx

**HARRISON FRIEND**

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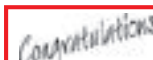
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Love Curt & Marley  
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13 TODAY  
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With all our love always,  
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Mikayla and Nan & Grandad O'Connor xxxxx

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Love always, Mum, Dad, Guy, Victoria and Ashton x

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We are both so proud of you.  
All our love,  
Mum and Colin  
x

**MARTIN BLACK**

To a special Dad and Grandad.  
Happy 50th Birthday.  
Love from, Karl, Cheri, Joanne, Neill, Kerrie, Chris, Joshua and Shannon. xx

**MARK LOWIN DUNN**

Happy 1st Birthday  
Have a lovely 1st Birthday on the 26th, "cheeky monkey" we love you lots and lots, Mummy, Daddy and Honie. xxx

**MARK GRIFFITHS**

Happy 40th  
Have a great birthday & holiday!  
Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Mags, Jason, Anita, Trevor, James & Kate xxx

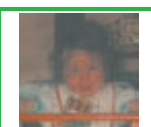
MCNALLY. Keenan. Happy 21st Birthday. Have a great day. Love you lots and lots. Love from Nan. xx xx

MCNALLY. Keenan. Happy 21st Birthday. Hope you have the best day you deserve. Love you to the moon and back. Love Mum, Dogga, Chloe, (Piggles), Coleen and Phill. xxxxx

McNALLY Keenan. is 21 Today. Have a fab day. love Helen, Aust, Nat and Trav.

MILES Jody. Happy birthday, see you next time I'm in the UK. Chris Brown x

MILES. Jody. Have a great 18th birthday. Love Mum and Robbie. x

**AMY WILMSHURST**

Happy 18th Birthday  
Love Mum, Graham, Rebecca, Brad, Emma, Guy, John, Bradley and Nans xxxxxx

**KES and RACHEL VINCENT**

Congratulations on your wedding 24th August 2008. Good luck for the future.  
Lots of love Nan and Ed.

**LESAGE GEORGE**

Congratulations on going to University.  
We are both very proud of you.  
Love  
Michael and Laura  
x

**TO OUR PRINCESS**

Happy 18th Birthday  
All our love, Mum, Dad, Rachel, Jakie and Lola x

**To our Darling Grandson Lowin**

Happy 1st Birthday. All our love Nanny and Grandad, Aunties Sammy and Kayleigh, Uncles Lewis and Jamie and Cousin Kacey.

**MARK GRIFFITHS**

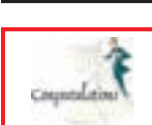
Happy 40th Birthday Gorgeous. Enjoy your day on the 26th. I love you with all my heart.  
Love Sarah xxx

**JODY MILES**

Happy 18th Birthday.  
Lots of love, Dad and Jo x

**TIDIMAN : SYRETT**

Congratulations to our lovely Granddaughter Jaime and Nick  
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Nan and Grandad  
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**VINTINNER : SPOONER**

Congratulations Chris and Emma on your Wedding, 22nd August.  
Love Mum, Mark, Emma, Sue, Lou, Nikki, Glen, Grandad and Jean

**LESAGE GEORGE**

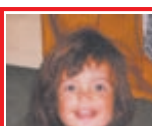
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Good luck at University.  
Love  
Nan and Granddad  
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**Happy 18th Birthday JESSICA**

All our love, Grandma and Grandad xx

**KINGSLEY FINCH**

Happy 18th Birthday. Have a lovely time.  
Love you lots,  
Nan

**KAYLA**

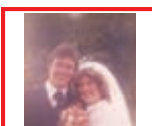
Happy 21st  
Have a great day, 26th August 2008.  
With lots of love  
Mum and Dave

**JOSEPH PEGRAM**

Happy 21st Birthday to my special Nephew. Enjoy your trip to New York darling.  
Love you loads, Auntie Tricia & Jason xxx

**TIDIMAN : SYRETT**

Congratulations Jaime and Nick on your Wedding Day.  
All our love always Jody, Steve, John and Jo x x x x

**KIM CARTER**

Happy 30th Anniversary, 19th August. Love always, Mick xx

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## Golden boy of British diving

**MANY** of you will have been cheering on young diving sensation Tom Daley as he enjoys his first taste of the Olympics at just 14 years of age.

Tom, who is the youngest member of the Great Britain team in Beijing, just missed out on breaking the record for the youngest ever Briton to represent his country.

That honour is still held by Kenneth Lester, who coxed a rowing pair at the 1960 Olympics in Rome when he was only 13.

But Tom is still in with a chance of becoming the youngest competitor to ever win a medal for Great Britain.

He and his 26-year-old diving partner Blake Aldridge may have missed out on making the winners podium at the 10m synchronised diving event two weeks ago, but he will take to the board again tomorrow (Friday) when he attempts to qualify for the chance to win individual gold.

So far this year, the young diving prodigy has won



six gold medals at the British Championships in Manchester and another at the European Championships in Eindhoven.

He is the youngest ever senior 10m platform champion and last year was crowned as the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year 2007.

So keep your fingers crossed for Tom tomorrow. You never know, he might win yet another medal to add to his impressive collection!

## Happy Birthday

### TODAY

**JOSHUA** (member 556), of The Gardiners, Harlow, is 10; **JACK** (member 837), of Watersmeet, Harlow, and **CONNOR** (member 549), of Apsley Close, Bishop's Stortford, are both 9

### FRIDAY

**MOLLIE** (member 556), of Cannons Brook, Harlow, is 5; **PATRICK** (member 805), of Titlands, Harlow, is 3

### SATURDAY

**SOPHIA** (member 205), of Holly Field, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **JORDAN** (member 840), of Milwards, Harlow, is 11; **JOEL** (member 121), of Wychford Drive, Sawbridgeworth, is 9

### SUNDAY

**DANIELA** (member 206), of Holly Field, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **TOMMY** (member 698), of Ridgeways, Harlow, is 9

### MONDAY

**BILLY** (member 201), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **JOSH** (member 583), of Westbury Rise, Harlow, is 6; **FREDDIE** (member 967), of Taylifers, Harlow, is 1

### TUESDAY

**SAMUEL** (member 615), of Titlands, Harlow, is 9; **TYLER** (member 527), of Milwards, Harlow, is 8

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**ADDRESS:** Pittmans Field, Harlow

**SCHOOL:** Spinney Infants

**HOBBIES:** Swimming, singing, hula-hoop

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Hot dogs

**LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD:** Potatoes

**DISLIKES:** Going to bed

**FAVOURITE BOOK:** Snow White And The Seven Dwarves

**FAVOURITE TV:** The Numberjacks

**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** Madness

**FAMILY:** Younger brother Leo (3)

**PETS:** Goldfish called Baby, Baba and Fish

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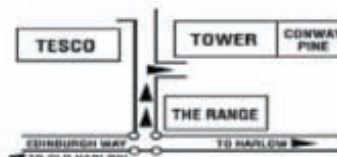
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**THE** Museum of Harlow, in Muskhams Road, goes Roman on Tuesday with a day of fun themed on the ancient empire. Drop-in activities and games for children of all ages take place throughout the day from 10am.

**IT'S** an equine extravaganza at Pets Corner in Harlow Town Park on Wednesday when it holds a day devoted to horses. The fun family event for all horse lovers takes place from 11.30am, with admission costing £4.25. Booking is essential, call (01279) 446655 for details.

**SPORTS** fun for 8-14 year-olds takes place at Summers Leisure Centre in Broadley Road on Wednesday. From 10am it's badminton, then from 11.30am football is the game. Admission is £3.

# Helping women at a time of turmoil

## A MORALE-boosting project to help women receiving treatment for cancer is looking for help from local beauticians.

The Look Good Feel Better scheme aims to bolster the confidence of patients by helping them tackle the visible cosmetic effects of treatments such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

It is being launched at the breast clinic at St Margaret's Hospital in Epping following its success at treatment centres elsewhere in the country. Although it has been running in some places since 1994, there are still only a limited number of hospitals where women can benefit.

The programme is supported by several beauty product manufacturers including Boots, Lancome, Dior and Clarins but relies on volunteer beauticians to lend their skills.

Sawbridgeworth resident and former breast cancer patient Amanda Barr is one of those working to get Look Good Feel Better started in Epping after she found that her recovery was greatly helped by taking advantage of the scheme at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge.

"The physical effects of cancer treatment can be very demoralising and affect patients – particularly I think women – psychologically," she said. "This scheme makes such a difference and I am sure it really helped me return to good health."

"The Addenbrookes group has been operating successfully for over 10 years now but the waiting list is around three months. If we can convince the charity that we have a commitment from enough beauticians to get a Look Good Feel Better established in Epping then I'm sure that huge numbers of women in the region will, like me, benefit from this fantastic scheme."

All that is required from volunteers is a commitment of one afternoon every two months. For further information, email bars@winbrook.co.uk



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## Hospice nets a tidy sum from first fishing contest

**ORGANISERS** of St Clare Hospice's first-ever fundraising fishing competition were celebrating this week after reeling in an impressive total of £1,200.

Saturday's event, at which four-times world angling champion Bob Nudd was the guest of honour, saw dozens battle it out to land the biggest catch.

Sponsors of the event were Capio Rivers Hospital at High Wych and Essex Angling Leisure.

The winner of best catch of the day prize went to Mark Davies, who is pictured, above left, with Mr Nudd.

St Clare's community fundraiser Vicky Parker said: "I'm delighted at the response to this event and I'm already working on a further three matches for next year."

"The funds raised will help to ensure we can continue to provide high-quality care to those with life-limiting illnesses such as cancer."



**NET GAIN:** Left to right, Bob Nudd, St Clare Hospice community fund-raiser Vicky Parker, Tina McLean of event sponsors Capio Rivers Hospital and fishery owner John Cleary

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## Football and fun day

**PROCEEDS** from a charity football match and family fun day taking place in Sawbridgeworth on Sunday will go to St Clare Hospice.

The game between Sawbridgeworth and a team from Kier Harlow kicks off at Sawbridgeworth Football Club at 11am. It will be followed in the afternoon by a children's match and an 'old boys' match.

There will also be a barbecue, bar, live band, face-painting and a lucky dip.

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**THE** British Heart Foundation is urging young people to consider volunteering at their charity shops.

The charity, which has a store in East Walk, Harlow, says there are many roles ideally suited to students and other young adults such as running the music and DVD sections or advising customers on fashion.

Spokeswoman Diane Locke said: "Volunteering at the BHF shop is not only a fantastic way to help the charity fight heart disease but it's also a great way to get involved in your local community, meet new people, learn different skills and add valuable experience to your CV."

To find out more, pop into the shop or call 0844 412 5000.

## Wad of cash

**MORE** than £3,400 has been raised for the Meningitis Trust by groups holding Toddle Waddle fundraisers in Essex.

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## RNID appeal

**THE** Harlow branch of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf is looking for keen cyclists to take part in a tough charity ride from London to Paris next year.

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# We take a look at what's on offer...

## NEW REG 58

WITH the advanced 1.4-litre VTi engine installed, the Peugeot 207 is a fine product - but is 95bhp enough to give it an energetic edge?

It used to be that 1.4 litres was a generous helping of engine for a supermini. 1,400cc cars would appear in the middle of the product range, sitting above weedier 1,200cc and even 1,000cc alternatives, they might even have been marketed as sporty little numbers only one step below the range-topping hot hatchbacks, but a look at Peugeot's latest 207 line-up will reveal that 1.4 is as small as things get.

The reasons for this change are manifold, but in the end, it all comes down to weight. The fact is that our superminis aren't as 'mini' as they used to be, so our expectations of a model with 1.4-litre power have to be managed accordingly. Or do they? Does the 207 1.4 VTi have advanced technology up its sleeve, so can it deliver a pleasant surprise?

It's true that the Peugeot 207 is available with a bog standard 8-valve 1.4-litre engine, but the 1.4 VTi isn't. This unit has been developed by Peugeot in partnership with BMW and is also found in the German marque's entry-level Mini models.

95bhp is a respectable amount to squeeze from a 1,400cc capacity powerplant and the engineers behind this unit have done it through the use of variable valve timing technology. This means that the engine actually adapts the parameters of its combustion process according to the way the 207 is being driven.

Put down the hammer and it works to optimise performance, but tread more softly on the throttle and it switches into a mode that maximises economy. In practice, it makes for a free-revving engine, with refinement at the low to middle end of the rev range.

What it can't do is defy the laws of physics and with the 207 weighing in at nearly 1,300kg, this car is never going to set the road alight with the 95bhp at its disposal. The 0-60mph sprint takes 12.8s and the top speed is 115mph.

By contrast, the Mini, which uses the same engine, weighs 1,135kg and can get to 60mph in 10.9s, evidence of the impact that less weight can have.

The advantage of the Peugeot's mass is its composure and the big car feel on the road. It's an unhurried, comfortable car to drive that's great on longer journeys and takes to twisty back roads with relish thanks to its well-judged suspension. As long as you don't expect too much pace from the engine, the 5-speed gearbox is the only real drawback. The slack action isn't what you want in a nimble supermini and it lets the rest of the driving package down a bit.

The 207 represented a big improvement over the 206 in terms of perceived quality. The materials in the cabin look and feel sturdy, with no obvious flaws.

The lower specification models lack some of



## Well-equipped 207 is a stylish supermini

the fancy detailing you get as you ascend the range, but the interior of a 207 is generally a pleasant place to be. Rear legroom is not as good as in some rivals, although there's a trade-off the shape of a 310-litre boot capacity and the design of the standard ventilation control panel looks a touch dated.

The styling themes that have gradually rolled out across the Peugeot model range are nothing if not distinctive and as with anything so wilfully out of the ordinary, the look of the 207 may not be to everyone's taste.

For the uninitiated, the 207's main distinguishing features are those elongated headlamps that stretch back from the nose into the front wings and the huge grinning grille below, its teeth braced by a dark central bumper. Around the back, things are less extrovert, but the overall look has real purpose.

The 95bhp 1.4-litre VTi engine sits below the 120bhp 1.6-litre VTi in the 207 hierarchy. It's priced from £10,525 in S trim, with the three-door bodystyle, but buyers wanting to jazz theirs up a bit can upgrade to the three-door Sport or five-door SE Premium models at £11,225 and £12,425 respectively.

The 1.6-litre VTi engine is usefully quicker, but

£700 more expensive and is only offered in the plusher two-trim levels. Even in S guise, the 207 features air-conditioning, a trip computer, a CD stereo, remote central locking, front fog lights and a comprehensive safety specification including curtain airbags, which explains where much of the extra weight comes from.

Superminis have been getting bigger and bigger over recent years and the 207 is at the far end of that evolutionary scale. It's a substantial vehicle with features and systems that would have been unheard of in a supermini just a few years back.

It sacrifices some of the liveliness and immediacy you get with lighter-weight cars in exchange for the comfort and refinement of a larger one and it asks a lot of a 1.4-litre 95bhp engine as a knock-on effect of its bulk.

Drive the 1.4-litre VTi 207 in a measured fashion and the variable valve timing technology will help it get somewhere close to the official combined cycle economy figure or 46.3mpg.

That looks like a strong performance, until you notice that the 1.6-litre VTi achieves exactly the same consumption and identical emissions of 145g/km. It means that there's a strong case

for making the step up to the 120bhp car, which has superior performance and with very similar running costs. Insurance groups are 4E for the 1.4 and 7E for the 1.6, so there is a saving to be made there.

There was a time when buyers looking for feisty performance and an engaging drive would have found exactly what they were looking for in a 1.4-litre Peugeot supermini. Today, that isn't really the case. What you do get with a 207 1.4 VTi is a very comfortable and mature feeling product, with strong refinement and a host of modern features.

The 95bhp engine can sometimes get swamped by the weight of the 207 and its popularity is likely to be hampered by the existence of the 120bhp 1.6-litre VTi engine that achieves identical economy and emissions for only a little bit more money.

The 207 1.4 VTi makes most sense in S trim, a level where the 1.6-litre VTi alternative isn't available.

The sloppy gearbox, 'distinctive' frontal styling and some questionable interior plastics notwithstanding, the Peugeot is hard to fault and it makes a great choice as a safe, well-equipped and affordable supermini.



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# Toyota Yaris – a warm hatch that will warm your heart

If you'd like a slightly sportier-looking Toyota Yaris, try the SR version of the 1.3-litre petrol and 1.4 diesel.

The Toyota Yaris has a lot of solid qualities. It's reliable, it's spacious and it's cost efficient. What it isn't is particularly dynamic. The SR versions of the 1.3-litre petrol and 1.4-litre diesel go some way to rectifying that, but don't mistake them for genuine hot hatches. They look meaner, but performance remains modest. It's hard to believe but we have joyriders to thank for the Toyota Yaris SR. Back in the late '80s and early '90s, a sudden spate of vehicle thefts led to spiralling insurance bills for the sort of GTi hot hatchbacks that had previously been massively popular. Almost overnight, the bottom fell out of the market - the typical 'twentysomethings' who formed the target clientele were suddenly unable or unwilling to foot the astronomical insurance quotes.

From the wreckage of a once-booming market grew the 'warm hatch', a superficially sporty-looking hatchback, powered by a decidedly modest engine. It had the styling to attract younger buyers and the insurance rating was friendly too.

The current Yaris SR doesn't deviate too far from that template. Toyota has also concentrated on not just making it look a little sportier, but bumping up its value for money factor as well. As such, it's now one of the most appealing models in the Yaris line-up.

There's an argument that the driving experience is possibly the least important factor for a warm hatch, the priorities instead being affordability and styling. On the face of it, a

choice between an 86bhp petrol engine or an 89bhp diesel unit wouldn't raise my pulse much above tickover.

Still, Toyota has done a little more than many manufacturers in endowing the Yaris SR with sports suspension, which helps deflect the accusation that the car is completely all about cosmetics.

The 1.3-litre VVT-i feels surprisingly vivid during everyday driving and steps off the line very cleanly in city traffic. 0-60mph takes 11.5s, but that's still slower than the 1.4-litre D-4D diesel's 10.7s. If you're planning on longer distance work, the diesel's more relaxed motorway cruising ability is well worth consideration. The difference between the two engines can best be highlighted by looking at their respective torque figures, which demonstrate pure muscle power.

The 1.3-litre petrol fronts up with 121Nm of torque, while the diesel aces it with 190Nm. Both have a broadly similar top speed, but for sheer overtaking ability, the diesel is the best choice. Where the petrol engine scores is in its light weight, which gives the Yaris real agility when turning into and driving through a tight corner.

If Toyota's objective was to create a Yaris model that looked a good deal peppier than the standard car, you'd have to say that mission has been accomplished. So many warm hatches try to get the job done with just window dressing, the designers not realising that the car's overall stance is so important in creating a dynamic look.

The Yaris' lowered suspension allows the 16-inch alloys to really fill the arches nicely. Look at

a Peugeot 207 Sport and you'll see where the French car comes up short, there being a fair degree of fresh air between the top of the tyre and the wheel arch. A rear roof spoiler and chrome exhaust tip complete the look.

Available in both three and five door guises, the SR mirrors the rest of the Yaris range in offering way better quality than its rather reedy predecessor. The double-sealed doors feel thicker and weightier and shut with a 'thunk' rather than a 'clang'. The rather unconventional fascia looks removed from the supermini norm, with a central 3D effect on the main display. More conservative buyers may find it a bit Buck Rogers, but it's certainly distinctive.

Prices depend on whether you choose the diesel or the petrol engine and whether you opt for three doors or five. Add to that the choice of the standard five-speed manual or for £500 extra, the MultiMode automatic 'box and you have some pondering to do.

Prices start at £11,045 for a manual 1.3-litre SR with manual gearbox. The equivalent car with a diesel engine is another £1,000 extra. The 1.3-litre SR five-door with manual shift is £11,545, with the diesel again tacking a grand to that price. As well as the lowered suspension, spoiler and 16-inch alloys, the SR's interior gets some extras. There are front scuff plates, a brushed alloy gearknob for manual cars and an integrated yet removable TomTom satellite navigation unit.

This unit represents a first in this sector and it's very smartly finished, the controls housed in double-DIN bay in the dashboard, from which the screen can pop out, easily fitting in the palm of your hand.

On top of this, the Yaris SR also gets anti lock brakes with brakeforce distribution, remote central locking, power steering, air conditioning, clever sliding rear seats, a CD stereo and electric front windows.

Neither SR model is going to break the bank in terms of ongoing running costs. Choose the 1.3-litre petrol model and you have a car which will return 47mpg on the combined cycle and emit 141g/km of carbon dioxide.

Those looking to make even more infrequent visits to refuel will prefer the diesel car, which ekes 63 miles from one gallon of heavy oil and which crucially dips below 120g/km of carbon dioxide emissions, giving it cheap vehicle excise duty and freeing it from the congestion charge into central London.

Toyota has a reputation for reliability that other marques would kill for and the Yaris has followed on where its predecessor left off, with sterling performances in all manner of customer satisfaction surveys. The car's good name has also helped it become a desirable used acquisition and that can't do residual values any harm. With insurance rated at Group 5, the Yaris SR becomes a viable proposition for younger drivers or those who have a chequered driving history.

Toyota has judged the specification of this model very adroitly. It doesn't look over the top, yet has a more focused stance on the road than lesser Yaris models. The sat nav system is a real plus in this sector and could well make the difference when customers come to choose between models. Even if you aren't a pimply teen, the Yaris SR becomes probably the most appealing car in the range.



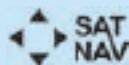
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# New Corsa is a head-turner

If you associate the Vauxhall Corsa with middle of the road mediocrity, you may need a sit down after checking out the latest version.

I must admit, if I was in the market for a supermini, one of the old Vauxhall Corsas would never have made my shortlist. It's a cut-throat market and while the Corsa covered all the bases adequately, there was just too much excellence among the opposition to make it stand out.

That said, I realise I'm an exception and the Corsa was the UK's best selling supermini of 2005, easily outselling the likes of the Renault Clio, the Ford Fiesta and the Peugeot 206.

Even with this level of success, Vauxhall realised it wouldn't take long for the public to twig that the Peugeot 207, the Fiat Grande Punto and the Renault Clio III had easily overtaken the Corsa in terms of talent. Something needed to be done, but rather than play a conservative hand, Vauxhall, for the very first time, set out to endow the Corsa with some genuine flair.

It's a move they had already made with the latest generation Astra, a car that offered such a quantum leap in styling and build quality over its predecessor that it seemed that a generation was somehow missing between the two cars.

Similarly, if you're a dyed-in-the-wool Corsa

buyer, the latest model will be a rude awakening. The reason why is that Vauxhall were one of the very first manufacturers to really buy into spreading so-called 'utility' models right across their range. The introduction of the super-practical Zafira and Meriva models means that those who want to do the flipping and folding thing with the seats have cars specifically designed for the task, freeing up models like the Astra, and now the Corsa, to get on with the business of looking rather good.

Compare this approach to that of, say, Peugeot, who didn't have a small MPV to speak of and had to develop the 307 family hatch as a sort-of compromise. Sales stagnated while the combined weight of Zafira and Astra registrations have helped Vauxhall to a buoyant set of sales figures.

The latest Corsa is offered in two different body styles. The five-door version features a more conservative profile, with a flatter, longer roof section, while the real scene stealer is the three-door version.

No longer just a shopping trolley, the Corsa

now has real impact. The front end features a deep Vauxhall V-grille with aggressive air intakes under the bumper and a pair of headlamps that smear back along the wings.

Bigger than the model it replaces, the Corsa shares a platform with Fiat's Grande Punto, the benefit of a rather complicated relationship between Fiat and General Motors that's too convoluted to go into here. Suffice to say, you

may be reminded of the pretty Fiat when you spot the window by the A-pillar and the rather unconventional door outlines. Climb inside and, if you're used to the Astra, you'll feel

immediately at home here. The quality of materials used is leagues ahead of the old Corsa and like the Astra, there's the bulletproof feeling of build quality that's as good as anything in the sector.

Just about the only criticism of the Astra's interior was that, although well built, it didn't offer a whole lot of slick design to catch the eye.

The Corsa changes that particular script with translucent ambient lighting on the centre

console switchgear, one of those 'surprise and delight' features that adds the all-important showroom wow factor.

The round air vents and big satellite navigation screen (available on high spec cars only) give the Corsa's dash a far more modern, integrated look than the somewhat piecemeal integration of technology of the old car.

Four petrol engines and two diesels are on offer. First up on the petrol menu are the 1.2-litre and 1.4-litre units. Also available is a 189bhp 1.6-litre VXR variant that will certainly give the Clio Renaultsport 197 and the Honda Civic Type-R something to think about.

Able to hit 60mph in around 7 seconds and with a 140mph top speed, this should be the first Corsa to really appeal to hardcore car enthusiasts rather than pimply teens.

There's also a 150PS version of the same engine in a slightly more affordable SRI version.

No modern supermini can get by without a decent diesel engine and Vauxhall fortunately have two at their disposal. The 123bhp 1.7 litre diesel spearheads the line-up, with a budget 1.3-litre CDTi as the entry level option.

Despite its strong sales figures, Vauxhall needed to give the Corsa a good whack up the backside and the latest model shows the benefits of this corporal approach.

Smarter, prettier and a whole lot more sophisticated, the Corsa could well dominate sales charts for quite some time.



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SUMMER has finally arrived and Ken Brown Motors Kia has a whole host of offers to keep you cool whilst the days are still hot.

Ken Brown Motors Kia has launched two new Chill models this summer, Picanto Chill and Rio Chill.

The Picanto Chill starts from just £6,995 and comes complete with air conditioning, remote central locking, full iPod compatibility and a choice of funky colours, including Cool Blue - exclusively available on Chill models and this great-looking Picanto only emits just 118 g/km, making this Chill even cooler on the wallet.

The Rio Chill 1.5 litre CRDi starts from just £8,995. The 1.5-CRDi engine emits just 119 g/km, so only costs £35 a year in road tax and comes with air conditioning, central locking and front electric windows, as well as a spoiler and 14" alloys to keep this Rio looking so cool it has almost got frostbite.

Graham Peskett, dealer principal at Ken Brown Motors Kia, says: "As anyone in Harlow who has air conditioning will tell you, driving in hot weather is a far more pleasurable experience with air conditioning. The new Picanto Chill and Rio Chill are a perfect economical choice for those looking both for a new car this summer, as well as a cooler driving experience."

KEN Brown Motors Kia is doing its bit to help the environment and motorists' pockets by offering Harlow residents reduced emissions models of the Picanto, Rio, cee'd pro cee'd models.

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## Chill out with a Kia

"We're delighted to be able to offer these Kia models to our customers," said Graham Peskett, dealer principal at Ken Brown Motors Kia.

"The people in Harlow are just as concerned about the environment as the rest of the UK, so having a more environmentally-friendly option when looking at buying a new car is fantastic."

All Picanto models are now four-seat versions, reducing the overall weight of the car and in turn reducing CO2 emissions to as low as 117g/km. This makes Kia's smallest car not just

kind to the environment, but kind on your wallet too.

The Rio supermini has also had some attention, reducing emissions on the 1.5-litre CRDi engine to 119g/km. Continuing to reduce emissions on diesel engines, Kia has adjusted the standard output diesel engine available in the new cee'd and pro cee'd models.

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Graham Peskett adds: "Kia is continually growing in appeal and we're very pleased to offer drivers a range of viable, economical alternatives to what's already in the market."

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# Ford's Ka-torial elegance

NOT many cars have an ageless look and feel, but Ford's Ka is one of them. Time moves on however, and a series of useful tweaks have freshened up the appeal of a range recently enhanced with more up-to-date mechanicals and sportier models.

All this should keep the little Ford's appeal fresh at the forefront of the Citycar sector.

So let's start with those tweaks. The latest cars come with variable intermittent front windscreen wipe (for different intensities of rainfall), a delayed final action wipe (which clears the screen of any drips once the front wipers have been used and switched off) and a reverse-gear rear wipe (which activates automatically if reverse gear is selected when the front wipers are in use).

On to lights and locks. There's a 'theatre-style' dimming interior courtesy light (the light gradually dims rather than switches off once the door is closed). And there are (at last) flashing lock indicators (the indicator lights on the car flash when remote locking is engaged). As for locks, the 'Auto-relock' system is a useful touch: the locks re-engage if the vehicle has been unlocked, but not opened for a period of time.

Inside, there are slight changes to the dashboard, the most significant of which is the addition of a new three-litre glovebox on the passenger side. This is a direct response to feedback from Ka drivers, who wanted a traditional glovebox instead of the cylindrical box that came with the original styling. On to cosmetics. The potent SportKa has tinted rear side windows. The familiar moulded bumpers are available in a choice of new colours, Torque Grey or Steel.

Despite all these improvements, prices stay pretty much the same as they were, which



means a starting point of £7,095. The standard models have in recent times received a significant refitting under the bonnet.

The old Endura-E 1.3-litre engine that was used from the car's launch in 1996 was really beginning to show its age, so in 2004, the far more modern 70bhp 1.3-litre 8-valve unit - borrowed from the latest Fiesta - was a welcome addition to mainstream models in the line-up.

The performance figures for this unit aren't much different from what went before, but given that most of the engine's pulling power is available from just 1,900rpm, the driving experience certainly is. You'll notice that around town - this car's natural habitat of course - the need for constant gear-changing is much reduced.

Usefully, fuel consumption is improved too. Expect to achieve 43.5mpg on the combined cycle.

These days, mainstream models go Ka Studio, then there's the Ka Style, and Ka Zetec models (both with 'Climate' air conditioned options) before you get to the LuxuryKa. On top of these, there's the potent SportKa.

The SportKa uses a 95bhp 1.6-litre engine and aims to take buyers who would otherwise opt for a more conventional 'warm hatch' sporty supermini. Otherwise, the recipe is much the same.

The Ka has taken small citycars into a new era - pure and simple. Before it arrived, models of this kind were boring to drive, terrifyingly unsafe and certainly not suitable for venturing outside the city limits. This model has changed

all of that and blazed a path that others have subsequently had to follow.

Equipment levels are reasonable, with even the entry-level version including power steering, high security door locks, a Safeguard immobiliser, a large format stereo, a rear wash/wipe and tinted glass, while the Style adds a CD player, central locking and electric windows. The LuxuryKa is distinguished by alloy wheels, a leather-covered steering wheel and gear-knob, air conditioning, and a CD sound system. If you haven't driven a Ka for a few years, you might notice relatively recent changes, like the addition of an automatic wash-wipe for the windscreen wipers and a wider range of optional extras, such as the dealer-fit passenger airbag deactivation and parking distance sensors. There are also fresh colours and smarter alloy wheel and wheel trim designs.

Whichever Ka you choose, you'll be buying into one of the safest small cars on the road today, meeting all current and future safety legislation for front and side impacts.

Packaging is another Ka stronghold. You wouldn't believe the amount of oddment space and front legroom that the designers have crammed into the tiny cabin. The sheer size restrictions of a car 210mm shorter than the already compact Fiesta had to catch up with them somewhere. However, and as you might imagine, the sacrifices have mainly been made around the two sculpted seats in the rear.

Still, you can't have everything. Ka buyers will almost certainly have another, larger car anyway. What matters is that the finished product bears the signature of its creators.

Just as, come to think of it, arriving in one will leave your unmistakable signature wherever you go.

## Focus-ing on styling and great economy

IT'S amazing that the Ford Focus diesel we had sitting in front of our offices wasn't being crushed under a vast weight of expectation.

Not only was it a second generation Focus, complete with the latest facelift, therefore having a lot to live up to, but it also sported one of Ford's latest generation diesel engines. This was the car that the middle market looked to in order to show the current state of the family hatch art. That's a big ask for such a modest car.

With diesel sales skyrocketing and prices in this case starting from £16,195 with a choice of three or five-door hatches, an estate and a saloon, it's crucial that Ford gets its diesel offerings right.

Fortunately, they had three great engines ready to roll from their Focus C-MAX mini-MPV range into the car we're looking at here. The 108bhp 1.6-litre diesel is a development of the 1.4TDCi common rail unit and, like the 1.8 and 2.0-litre TDCi powerplants, was developed in conjunction with Peugeot and Citroen, drawing on the shared expertise of both companies.

Ford's Centre for Diesel Excellence at Dagenham has become a well-respected think tank when it comes to state of the art oil burning engines and the TDCi units do its reputation no harm. The 1.6-litre engine is primarily aimed at customers with an eye on fuel economy and will return a very creditable 57.6mpg on the combined cycle, while emitting just 129 grams of carbon dioxide for every kilometre travelled.

Despite the focus on frugality, it'll still zip to 60mph in 10.9 seconds and run on to a top speed of 116mph. Torque is delivered from very low in the rev range and this makes the Focus TDCi 1.6 agreeably quick off the mark when you need to accelerate out of a

T-junction into flowing traffic.

For economy-minded buyers, the Diesel Particulate Filter-equipped version of this engine is now available in Focus 'ECONetic' form, a guise which features an array of aerodynamic efficiencies much like Volkswagen's range of BlueMotion models. Average consumption for the Focus ECONetic is a frugal 65mpg. This corresponds to an average CO2 emission of only 115g/km, which is a class-leading result for a conventional vehicle in this segment. As a direct result of the Ford ECONetic initiative, all Focus 1.6-litre TDCi variants will achieve 119g/km CO2 and this is regardless of power rating, body style or wheel dimensions.

Though the 115bhp 1.8-litre TDCi is worth considering, if you really want to take advantage of the Focus' excellent dynamics, the punchy 134bhp 2.0-litre TDCi engine makes a capable partner. Backed up by a six-speed gearbox, it develops more torque than a Porsche Boxster S. It gets to 60mph in 9.3 seconds and will hit 125mph where conditions permit.

Benefiting from Ford's 'kinetic design' approach to styling, the latest Focus takes its inspiration from its larger Mondeo stablemate. Trapezoidal grilles, swept-back headlamps, bolder wheel arches, re-shaped rear glass, a contoured tailgate and smarter tail lamps are the key changes. Higher trim grades benefit from chrome detailing and a stylish, body-coloured upper rear spoiler.

Inside, the more upmarket aura continues. Nicer soft-touch plastics now cover the instrument panel as well as the upper front door trim



and this is complemented by plusher seat fabrics plus a variety of more attractive fascia finishings. The instrumentation has been re-designed too and, along with all other interior controls, is illuminated in red. Controls for the upgraded audio equipment and two-zone air conditioning have also been ergonomically improved.

Ford were the first of the major manufacturers to realise that people were growing in size - both out and up - and designed the original Focus to suit drivers of all sizes with wider opening doors and more headroom than the class norm. The latest Focus expands on this theme, offering an optional electrically adjustable pedal set.

The multi-adjustable steering column helps in ensuring a comfortable driving position and Ford have integrated a number of practical aspects from the C-MAX mini-MPV including a glove box big enough to house a 1.5-litre bottle, a sunglasses holder, a dash-top cubby and class-leading luggage space.

Whereas once buying a family hatch other than a Focus was a mark of ignorance or wilful contrariness, these days it comes down to a more personal decision.



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# Masterplan map a labour of love



**O**UR '25 Years Ago' column recently featured a news item about Harlow New Town masterplanner Sir Frederick Gibberd's appearance on the popular radio programme *Desert Island Discs* back in 1983.

During the course of the show he told host Roy Plomley that he feared a slow death. Five months later 76-year-old Sir Freddie was dead.

The passing of the famed architect whose name was, and remains to this day, synonymous with Harlow was big news in the town and many tributes were paid.

Few, however, were quite as interesting as that of retired Mark



By **BEN WILKINSON**

Hall School art teacher Jan Hiller. He was so moved by Sir Freddie's death that, within days, he started work on a large illustrated map of Harlow in his memory.

Based on the original Gibberd masterplan, it featured miniature paintings illustrating the area's landscapes, buildings and cultural life with a portrait of the great man taking pride of place.

The work took Jan, who was 66 at the time, three months to complete. He remarked at the time that the job of painting in all the estate roads was the trickiest part.

Gibberd-designed features commemorated in the map include the original (and now demolished)

Town Hall, the town centre Obelisk and The Lawn, Britain's first tower block. Many of the town's sculptures also appear, as do local churches.

Mr Hiller's labour of love first went on public display in May 1984 at The Moorhen, where it was unveiled by Lady Gibberd. It was later displayed at The Playhouse and today hangs at the Leah Manning Centre.

Jan's wife Sheila told *Nostalgia*: "When Harlow Council bought the picture the intention was to hang it in the council chamber. However, this did not happen and it eventually was placed in the Leah Manning Centre."

"This is a pity because it is only seen by the citizens of Harlow if they happen to be using a particular room there."

● Do you recall any other tributes paid to Sir Frederick when he died? Write to *Nostalgia* and share your memories.

**TOWN GUIDE:**  
Left, the illustrated map drawn by retired art teacher Jan Hiller in tribute to Sir Frederick Gibberd, above

## 25 YEARS AGO

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### FURY OVER RUBBISH

HOUSEHOLDERS are furious that many dustbins are not being emptied because of revised refuse collection routes. The changes came about because Harlow Council decided to cut the refuse crews from six to four. Steve Smith, a refuse driver, said: "We are not able to catch up on the backlog. I estimate about 6,000 households were not emptied last week."

### COUNCIL ANGRY AT MAGAZINE

A MAGAZINE article attacking the management of Harlow Market has enraged the council. The piece, in the July edition of *Markets*, claims there are irregularities in the way the market is run but a council spokesman called the article "offensive and biased".

### STRIKES OVER SACKED MANAGER

UNION members at the Town Hall began striking on Friday in a bid to get sacked computer manager David Snell reinstated. As 90 members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association began picketing, candidates for



his job were being interviewed inside. But MP Jerry Hayes, who pledged his support for Mr Snell at a mass meeting in July, said: "I shall continue to fight on his behalf, even if it means taking it to the Employment Secretary."

### WOOLWORTH JOBS TO GO

WOOLWORTH has confirmed reports that there are to be 40 redundancies at its Broad Walk store. Two of the three shop floors are to close, leaving just the ground floor open.

Has anything in this week's *Nostalgia* jogged your memory? Write to *Nostalgia*, Harlow Star, 6-8 West Gate, The High, Harlow, Essex CM20 1JW or email [wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk](mailto:wilkinsonb@hertsessexnews.co.uk)

## Village shop 'a life-saver'

**S**OME shopping memories arrive from Kathleen Chadwick, of The Fortunes, who recalls when her local hatch Bush Fair was not fully built.

"A life-saver was a little grocery shop in Tye Green Village which was open all hours and every day, especially if you had surprise visitors to feed.

"Gradually the shops began to open at Bush Fair. I remember our district nurse saying on the day the first wet fish shop opened there that everywhere she went the smell of fish cooking took over.

"Prior to this we had to walk to The Stow to get our fish so people didn't bother so much."

● Do you recall the Tye Green Village shop or Bush Fair in those early days? Write to us with your memories.

## Soundbites jog memories



**W**ORDS and pictures may be this page's usual stock in trade but an exciting new internet project has brought together some of Harlow's musical history.

Zulqar Cheema has assembled a collection of sound clips at [www.cheema.co.uk/localbands/index.htm](http://www.cheema.co.uk/localbands/index.htm) with tracks from six bands which should bring memories flooding back for older gig-goers still living in the town.

The bands featured, all formed in the 1970s and '80s, are Acid Queen, Electric Savage, Heartland, Mode A, Risque and Rocking Johnnies. Pictured, left, is Billy Holmes, lead singer of Risque, during a gig at The Square in 1986.

If you have interesting memories of Harlow's musical past, why not write to *Nostalgia* and share them with other readers?



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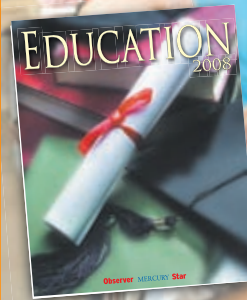
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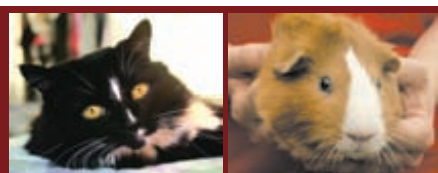


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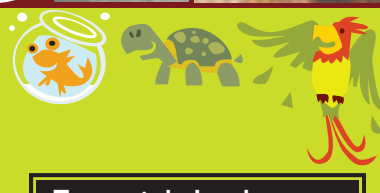


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In nice weather, you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car, but during the warmer months the inside of your car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes, even when parked in the shade.

Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke or brain damage and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "for just a minute" that your pet will be safe.

Summer is also a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But this too can pose hazards. Plant food, fertilizer and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce active or toxic substances.

Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag. If you are separated from your pet, an ID tag may very well be his or her ticket home.

Provide plenty of water and shade for

your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors, so they can stay cool.

Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evenings.

Pets can get sunburned and may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-coloured noses or light-coloured fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.

Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous. For your pet's wellbeing, leave her at home.

In summer heat, your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. You should be aware of the signs of heat stress, which include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. Move your pet into the shade and apply cool water over his body. Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Most importantly, get him to a vet!

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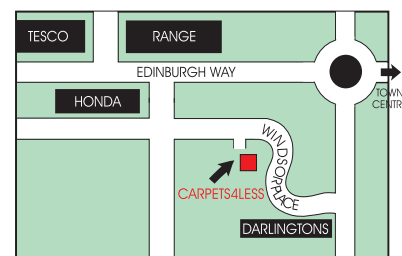
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## ONE HELL OF A FIGHT

Hellboy's back to battle an army of darkness

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# Bicycle tour takes in town's art treasures



By  
**JIM TANFIELD**

A GROUP of more than two-wheeled art enthusiasts went on a guided sculp-tour of Harlow's hidden secrets.

Three tours of the town's public artworks have been organised as part of Harlow Council's summer activities calendar and run by the Friends of Harlow Sculpture Collection.

Sunday's family event, the second of the three tours, was completed on bikes and a talk was given by Harlow Civic Society vice-chairman John Curry. The first of the three tours was completed on a coach while the third, which takes place next Sunday, will be on foot.

The cycle tour took in such gems as Anthony Hawken's *Icent* located at Colt Hatch and Barbara Hepworth's *Contrapuntal Forms* in Glebelands.

The cyclists also visited some of the less well known sculptures such as the Jacob Epstein-



**SADDLE UP:** John Curry, centre, with some of the cyclists who joined him for the tour of the town's works of art

(photo: CKR3MDPJ/04)

inspired *Chiron* of Mary Spencer Watson which stands outside Moot Hall, in The Stow. Mr Curry said: "It was a really good opportunity to show the lesser-known sculptures and to open people's eyes to what they may otherwise miss."

"During the course of the two-hour tour it occurred to me that there is probably no other town in Great Britain where it

is possible to do this."

FHSC chairwoman Jackie Storey, who led the coach tour, added: "It was a really good day and we ended up with a real coachful. I wanted to show them many pieces which are hidden away in the town's estates. I like to call them the secret sculptures."

"We had a couple join us who were from Luton. They were

staying in an Old Harlow hotel and just picked up a leaflet. They were genuinely surprised at the wealth of Harlow's sculptures."

A spokesman for Harlow Council said: "The sculptures are an important part of the town's heritage and these tours have opened up opportunities for people to view the collection either by coach, bike or by foot."

## Family tree is rooting out The Square's rock heritage

HARLOW'S rock ancestry is being compiled to celebrate the reopening of The Square.

Paul Woodwright, right, frontman for Harlow-based band and Square regulars Deviant Amps, is compiling a family tree of all the bands to have performed at the venue.

It will form part of an archive on The Square's newly-revamped website. Paul is appealing to **Star** readers for help with the project.

"One night while writing down a list of bands that I could remember it began to resemble a family tree and the crazy idea of an interactive family tree on the website came to be,"



he said.

"It has now grown into a massive piece of artwork that will also go on one of the walls at The Square." The archive on the website will also include a gallery and a jukebox featuring many of the bands on the tree.

"It's been going pretty well and is nearing the point of being finished but we need help from **Star** readers."

If you played at The Square between 1980-1995 you can submit your details, including line-up and any photographs, via the website at [www.squarearchive@btinternet.com](http://www.squarearchive@btinternet.com).

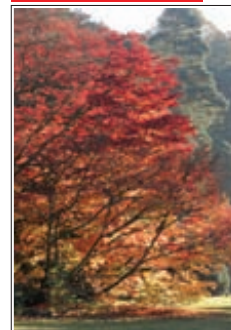
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Terrorism and hairdressing are unlikely bedfellows in the latest self-indulgent screwball comedy from clown prince Adam Sandler as a top Israeli assassin bored with foiling terror attacks who decides to follow his dream of becoming a top hairdresser.

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An insufferably irritating American heiress is sent to a snooty British boarding school by her father in a bid to tame her brattish behaviour in a forgettable tweenie rom-com that makes the execrable *St Trinian's* look Oscar-worthy.

**THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR**

Brendan Fraser returns as hapless tomb-raiding mummy-botherer Rick O'Connell in the third instalment of the adventure franchise that, much like its subject matter, should really be laid to rest. This time, the O'Connell clan face the wrath of a 2,000-year-old Chinese emperor.

**THE DARK KNIGHT**

Heath Ledger gives an imperious performance as The Caped Crusader's psychotic nemesis the Joker in this dark, uncompromising sequel to *Batman Begins*. Just as Gotham City appears to be on the mend and Batman considers hanging up his cape, a new criminal presence emerges from the underworld and is clearly not playing for laughs.

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Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

## We can be heroes, just for one day

**SON OF RAMBOW**

(Optimum Home Entertainment, 12, retail &amp; rental)

Director Garth Jennings' spins an irresistible fusion of whimsy, nostalgia and comedy in this story of unlikely bonds.

It's 1983 and 10-year-old Will Proudfoot (Ben Milner) is the son of a fatherless family of Plymouth Brethren, sheltered from worldly contamination by a strict prohibition on radio, television and cinema.

Taking refuge in a make-believe world he illustrates, his eyes are irrevocably opened to the temptations of reality when he meets misfit tearaway Lee Carter (Will Poulter), who has his heart set on entering a young film-makers contest on BBC's *Screen Test* and pressgangs timid Will into being his stuntman.

Will's Road To Damascus moment comes when he is inadvertently exposed to a pirate video of Sylvester Stallone's *First Blood*; he's literally never seen anything like it and is blown away.

Channelling his first big fix of junk culture into an elaborate fantasy in which he is the son of Rambo (his misspelling of the name is lovely touch) out to rescue his dad from all sorts of threats, he throws himself heart and soul into the project and the two boys gradually overcome their innate differences to become blood brothers.

But the arrival of a party of French exchange students threatens their private world when Will enthusiastically invites one and all into the project, while the brethren become increasingly alarmed at the changes apparent in their young member.

Jennings perfectly captures the seismic effect of *First Blood* on its young viewers and is fortunate that in Milner and Poulter he has two extremely capable you leads who make the friendship feel completely authentic, allowing him a strong stage on which to play some wonderfully fanciful moments of revenge and wish-fulfilment.

There's also some delightful support, particularly from veteran Eric Sykes as the befuddled resident of a home for the elderly who is drafted into the boys' film to play Rambo himself.

Star rating: ★★★★★

**LA ANTENA**

(Dogwoof Pictures, PG, retail)

At once a homage to the silent era and a sharp comment on modern concerns, this silent black & white film from Argentina has a dreamlike power and poignancy to spare.

Director/writer Esteban Sapir creates an Orwellian dystopia in which the inhabitants of a '50s-style futuristic city have been robbed of their voices by the inane broadcasts of the all-powerful despot Mr TV.

At least they still have their words, a visual conceit beautifully played out as they only communicate via subtitles which they can pluck from the air and manipulate for emphasis.

But Mr TV hatches a new plan to consolidate his authority by misusing the talents of the city's sole inhabitant with an actual voice, distorting its beauty via a broadcast to rob the populace of their words which can then be processed into bland TV dinners.

It's a captivating film, recalling Soviet and Nazi propaganda even as it joyfully references such key silent movies as Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* and M, Charlie Chaplin's *Modern Times* and George Méliès' *A*



*Trip To The Moon*, all wrapped up in the kind of paranoid narrative and cinematic style of such offbeat directors David Cronenberg and David Lynch.

Star rating: ★★★★★

**UNEARTHED**

(Icon Home Entertainment, 18, retail)

Former Bros brother Luke Goss chalks up another on his horror CV as an unlikely batter of monsters in this energetic if undemanding B-movie.

An archaeological dig in New Mexico unearths an ancient creature (a toothy critter a bit like a cross of the creatures from *Alien* and *Pitch Black*) hell-bent on eating and procreating, and in no time at all it's chewing its way through anybody it encounters.

Semi-alcoholic Sheriff Annie might not be the ideal protector of a small party stranded at a remote gas station, but she's all they've got – although reinforcement in the shape of Goss' gung-ho, kick-ass anthropologist is none too reassuring.

Writer/director Matthew Leutwyler doesn't appear to have an original idea in his head and fleshes out the cast with a veritable tribe of clichéd characters, but his does spread the red stuff around liberally and keeps it running fast enough that its shortcomings don't get in the way of the dumb fun.

Star rating: ★★

**DECEPTION**

(Entertainment In Video, 15, retail &amp; rental)

Ewan McGregor and Hugh Jackman star in this rather convoluted and highly unlikely thriller in which the former is grey little number-cruncher Jonathon, seduced into a sex club for corporate high-rollers by the latter's suave lawyer Wyatt.

Meeting all sorts of attractive rich businesswoman for no-strings anonymous sex, Jon has a field day until he falls in love with one of them – but when she disappears without a trace in highly suspicious circumstances, Wyatt shows his true colours. Or does he?

Nothing is as it seems and the plot plays so fast and loose with plausibility that it feels more like a slick intellectual exercise than an actual story, but it's entertaining enough within these limitations.

Star rating: ★★

**INSANITARIUM**

(Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 18, retail &amp; rental)

Jeff Buhler's bloody, inventive and relentless debut horror flick shows a great feel for the genre.

Distressed by his suicidal sister's incarceration in a spooky mental hospital, Jack (Jesse Metcalfe) fakes a moment of madness to get himself committed and break her out.

But once inside, he finds it's far more sinister than *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* as patients spirited away to the top floor tend to return with white eyes and an alarming habit of becoming ravening cannibals if they so much as scent blood.

It seems the asylum director (Peter Stormare, on gleefully loony form) has come up with a ridiculously unlikely treatment for dangerous mental illness, inducing all-out psychosis so it can be treated (huh?) but hamstringing by some nagging side-effects (all his subjects become crazed flesh-eaters).

Buhler has a field day with this premise, serving up something that feels like *28 Days Later* – pure comfort food for horror fans.

Star rating: ★★★

★★★★★ unmissable

★★★★ very good

★★★ good

★★ fair

★ don't bother

## Wilkinson, Jim Tanfield and Chris Moss

mighty yet understated wallop. Huge superhero punches break up the strings as they wallow in the Gothic. Pizzicato shivers run down the spine of the soundtrack as it becomes more menacing and, like the Joker, its wrapping belies a devil hell bent on the dark side. Stirring and nihilistic.

**SOULED OUT!!!**

Conor Oberst (single, Wichita)

We journo, more than anyone, know that when you have to put three exclamation marks after a pun in order to demonstrate to people that they are supposed to find it amusing, then it isn't really worth bothering with at all. Unfortunately, the hackneyed song title isn't the only distinctly tired element of this comeback from the "King of Indie USA" after a 13-year hiatus in his solo career.

**SMILIN'**

Bryn Christopher (single, Polydor)

So from three exclamation marks to the sort of

wally who still thinks it's absolutely rockin' to miss the final letter of any word ending in 'g' and stick an apostrophe in its place. Apparently "soul-charged" Bryn has lent his voice to a song that has "a nod to the nostalgic with a distinctly 21st century groove". In reality it sounds like a man on helium singing over a backing track composed by a computer.

**EVERYTHING CHANGES**

Will Tang (album, Zenmusic)

Although there is a concerted effort to break away from his obvious desire to be country and western – sorry blues, apparently – you still get the distinct aural impression that this actually fairly inoffensive looking lad from Rochdale wears dungarees with a buckle missing and has dubious dentistry. His voice, while its power and soul can be extolled, needs better songs and a cooler feel. Although the rather jolly nature is commendable, there is a constant nag that Ray LaMontagne did it a whole lot better.

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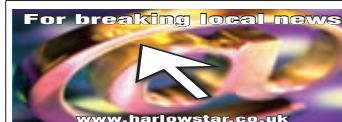
David Holmes (single, Mercury)

And so will you if you pick up this rather splendid cut taken from the hugely-anticipated fourth album from Ireland's second-favourite son (even uber-hip DJs can't compete with Daniel O'Donnell, after all). This is vintage Holmes, steeped in a noirish, cinematic intensity and channelling a choice selection of the expert knob-twiddler's myriad influences. Like The Velvet Underground teaming up with Blondie to record a Suicide medley, this is skewed, weird and wonderful.

**OI RUDE BOY**

Mark Harrison (single, A&amp;M)

If you couldn't guess from the title of this debut single, our Mark inhabits a fantasy world where punks, skins and rude boys still skank in unison outside record shops on the King's Road. Full marks to him for convincingly aping the sound of second-wave ska, but there's nothing on show here that wasn't done considerably better 30 years ago.



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Your mind can be  
creative but your  
affections more serious.  
Unless you have a clear  
plan of action, those  
close to you can  
disparage your more  
fanciful ideas. If you're  
thinking of making home  
improvements or  
changes, you need to be  
conscious of affordability.  
A dream home will be an  
empty achievement if you  
struggle to pay for it. Be  
realistic. Call for your  
financial forecast.

**Gemini** May 22-Jun 21  
**Sagittarius** Nov 23-Dec 21

You and a brother  
or sister can  
reminisce about the good  
old days or about family  
members from the past.  
However, this emotional  
dynamic can also be  
important romantically. If  
things are supportive,  
they will become more so,  
however, a pinch point  
could be reached if there  
are any cracks. Your  
emotional detachment  
may be tested. Stay  
sensitive Gemini. Call me  
now for your love scope.

**Cancer** Jun 22-Jul 23  
**Capricorn** Dec 22-Jan 20

As long as you're  
caring, others will  
be responsive to what  
you have to say. Of  
course you have a  
particular reputation for  
this, but tact will be  
important. What can  
seem like a throwaway  
comment by you could be  
seen as trite and  
insincere. An older  
neighbour or sibling can  
also have an important  
role. Yet avoid speculative  
financial ideas. Call your  
special prediction line for  
more advice.

**Leo** Jul 24-Aug 23  
**Aquarius** Jan 21-Feb 19

We all thrive on  
esteem but for a  
Leo feeling valued and  
appreciated can be  
important to your peace  
of mind. Now you're going  
to be more aware of this  
in your relationships and  
also of who shares your  
values. Just watch  
becoming too consumed  
with how things seem or  
with materialism. Deeper  
qualities, especially about  
people, aren't always  
obvious. Call me now for  
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**Virgo** Aug 24-Sept 23  
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You reach a point in  
the relationship realm  
where you need to make a  
firm decision. The problem is  
that there may be more than  
one choice and you could be  
unsure of just who to plump  
for. Try to push out of your  
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## Seat's stylish sportster

By **RICHARD M. HAMMOND**  
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**T**HE coupe is the bodyshape of the moment. Always popular thanks to its sports appeal, the number of manufacturers turning out coupe versions of their saloon or hatchback models continues to grow.

Mercedes has its CLC, Volkswagen its Passat Coupe and Ford will soon be forthcoming with a Mondeo coupe. Peugeot has announced the CZC coupe version of its 308 and fellow French manufacturer Renault is flaunting its Laguna Coupe concept at motor shows around the world.

So it's no wonder that manufacturers without a sleek sportster in their ranges are keen to attach the C-word to the brand wherever possible.

The perfect opportunity to do just that landed in the lap of Spanish firm Seat when the company's newly appointed designer, Luc Donckerwolke, penned a slick and sporty three-door variant of the new Ibiza model.

Fans of Italian marques will doubtless be familiar with the name – he's the man responsible for Lamborghini's current range.

The new Ibiza, in three and five-door forms, bears striking similarities to the supercars in the use of distinctive lines that appear to oppose each other but actually work together beautifully. A high shoulder that rises towards the rear combined with the longer platform of the new generation Ibiza and lower roof certainly creates a coupe-like optical illusion, even if it is a stretch to call the model anything other than a three-door.

The Ibiza is a very important car for Seat, accounting for some 45 per cent of the firm's sales. Hence its determination in the past to squeeze as many models as possible out of it, ranging from the super economical Ecomotive to the hair-raising turbocharged Cupra.

With a noticeably low average age among buyers, young drivers with an eye for style but a slightly more restrictive budget are the key demographic, particularly for the three-door with its more sporty and dynamic image.

The Ibiza Sport Coupe should have little trouble in meeting styling demands and, despite the apparently low specification in terms of toys for the entry level models, the range is well specified, too.

ESP is available on all models, including a hill-hold assist function that works up and downhill to take some of the strain out of reverse parking. Bi Xenon headlights are unique in

its segment, a docking station for sat-nav is a clever initiative but it's the seven-speed DSG gearbox that really has Seat excited.

The first small hatchback in the UK to feature the twin clutch facility, it gives the model a real edge and will be particularly noteworthy when the sporty FR and Cupra versions break cover.

In the meantime, the Sport Coupe comes to the UK with a limited array of engine choices, with the emphasis on economy to meet young buyers' financial needs.

The 1.6-litre petrol unit is among the first to arrive in the UK. Unlike the all-new platform and bodyshell, the engine itself

has been part of the Volkswagen group collection for some time. It provides respectable performance and economy without excelling or disappointing with either.

Push hard and there's performance to be found near the top of the rev range; combined with the taught and responsive chassis it makes for an enjoyable driving experience.

Two suspension set-ups are available, with the Sport variant naturally sporting the firmer of the two. The stiffer ride will be available as an option on the other trim levels.

Critically, the firmer set-up is perfectly tolerable on the motorway. Those familiar with

the last generation of Seat sports products will know that the firmer suspension setting offered a thrilling but occasionally uncomfortable ride. That's no longer the case.

Things have changed inside, too. The interior of the last generation Ibiza was functional but a little gloomy, with a cheap feel about the plastics. Two-tone interiors in the new models brighten things up no end and, while the materials are still not quite top drawer, the quality of the craftsmanship and build seems excellent.

Rumours that Seat chiefs have been calling early morning conflabs at the firm's Martorell headquarters to review parts

quality would appear to be well-founded based on the evidence. Switch gear and individual aspects such as the ventilation flaps appear to have meticulously thought-out and crafted.

A neat piece of design and built with a particular audience in mind, the Ibiza Sport Coupe is a smart and attractive addition to the three-door hatch market.

While it's hard to get excited about the initial selection of sensible petrol engines, it's equally hard not to get excited about the sporty FR and Cupra versions in the pipeline.

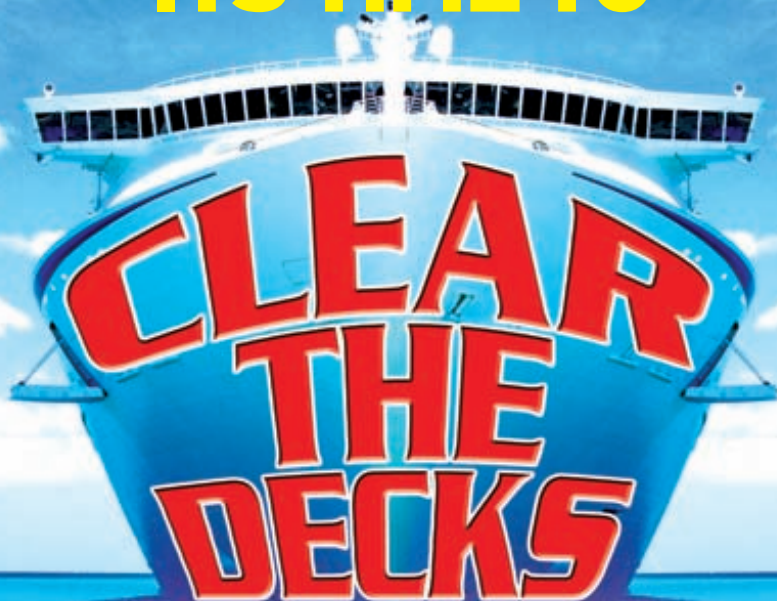
The addition of the 1.9 diesel will really round out the selection.

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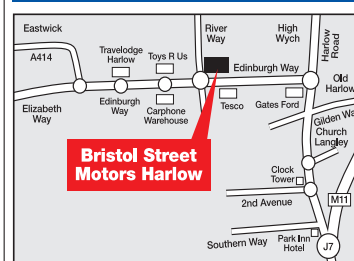
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(56) FIAT PANDA 1.2 DYNAMIC, 5-door, PAS, ABS, e/windows, 16,000 miles .....£4,495

(05) FIAT PUNTO 1.2 DYNAMIC, 3-door, PA, ABS, e/windows, air con, alloy wheels, 25,000 miles .....£4,495

(04) NISSAN MICRA 1.2 S, 3-door, PAS, ABS, e/windows, 33,000 miles .....£3,995

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SPORT,** met/red, climate,  
CD, electrics, alloys, sport  
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**£6,495**



**2002 (02) NISSAN  
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CD, air con, e/windows,  
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2001 (51) MINI COOPER,	met silver, e/windows, sunroof, CD, leather, ABS, alloys	<b>£6,995</b>
2002 (52) HYUNDAI COUPE SE 2.0,	met black, p/steering, sunroof, 15,000 miles, alloys	<b>£6,995</b>
2002 (02) MAZDA MX-5 1.6 CONVERTIBLE,	met silver, CD, c/lock, ABS, alloys, e/windows	<b>£6,495</b>
2005 (05) FORD FOCUS 1.6 SPORT,	5-door, red, CD, air con, r/locking, one owner	<b>£6,495</b>
2005 (05) VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.7 CDTi DIESEL,	met silver, CD, air con, e/windows, c/l, one owner	<b>£5,995</b>
2001 (51) JAGUAR X-TYPE 2.5 SPORT,	met/silver, half leather, CD, climate, computer, alloys	<b>£5,995</b>
2000 (Y) GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4.7,	met silver, leather, electrics, 39k	<b>£4,995</b>
2002 (52) VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 LS,	met/black, CD, air con, ABS, r/lock, e/windows, low miles	<b>£4,995</b>
2003 (53) VAUXHALL VECTRA 3.3 ELITE,	met/blue, beige leather trim, air con, com, alloys, CDs	<b>£4,995</b>
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2002 (52) RENAULT CLIO 1.4 PRIVILEGE,	met/silver, 5 door, air con, alloys, CD, e/w, 30,000 miles	<b>£3,995</b>
2001 (51) ROVER 75 CONNOISSEUR ESTATE AUTO,	full leather trim, com, e/windows/mirrors	<b>£3,995</b>
2003 (03) PUNTO 1.2 3-DOOR,	met black, power steering	<b>£3,495</b>
2002 (02) NISSAN ALMERA TINO 1.8 SE,	met green, 39,000 miles, CD, air con, e/windows, r/lock	<b>£3,995</b>
2002 (52) RENAULT SCENIC AUTO 1.6 FDIJ,	met beige, air con, CD, twin electric roofs, alloys	<b>£3,995</b>
2002 (52) MG ZT TURBO 1.8,	metallic grey, leather/suede trim, air con, electrics, alloys, CD, history	<b>£3,995</b>
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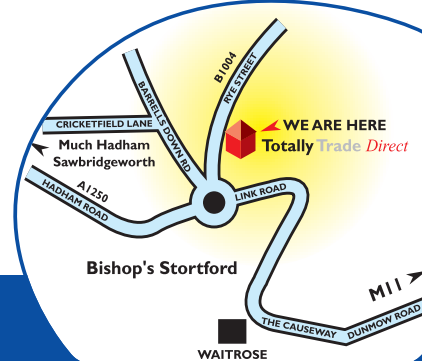
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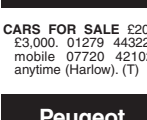
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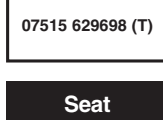
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## Sawbo reach cup final

Sawbridgeworth 213-8,  
West Herts 158

Sawbo won by 55 runs  
(Herts County Cup, semi-final)

THE strong record of Sawbridgeworth at county level was maintained as they reached a third Herts County Cup final in six years.

Danny Wilson's side booked their spot after producing a stunning comeback to defeat West Herts at Town Fields in Sunday's semi-final. They will face either Welwyn Garden City or North Mymms in the final at Shenley CC on Sunday September 14.

Sawbo were staring at defeat before the visitors' last eight wickets fell for just 40 runs in less than 11 overs as they collapsed from 118-2 to 158 all out in the 29th over.

Matt Birch took 5-34 in 10 overs with his off-spinners.

West Herts were chasing 214 to win in 50 overs and opener Shaun Farrell added 65 for the first wicket with Waqas Chaudhry.

Birch took the key wicket of former Leicestershire all-rounder Steve Clark (8) and bowled Farrell for 56.

Earlier, Sawbridgeworth elected to bat and struggled to 84-5 after 20 overs.

However, Wilson and Michael Burrell added 67 for the sixth wicket.

Wilson, aiming for a fourth hundred in a row in this competition, reached 73 before he fell to a spectacular boundary by catch Smith.

Burrell (43) and Simon Greenall (23) helped the hosts up to 213-8.

● SAWBO (202-5) drew with North Mymms (293-4) in Saturday's Home Counties Premier League division two east match.

## Fixtures

### SATURDAY AUGUST 23

#### Football

Ryman League, prem div: Maidstone Utd v Harlow Tn.  
Essex Senior League: Sawbridgeworth Tn v Bowers & Pitsea Utd.

Cricket  
Home Counties Premier League, div two east: Sawbridgeworth v Stevenage.

Shepherd Neame Essex League, div two: Hadleigh v Harlow.

Div three: Ongar v Epping.

2nd XI, div two: Harlow v Hutton.

3rd XI, div one: Harlow v Fives.

4th XI: South Woodford V v Harlow.

Lord's International Herts & Essex League, div three: Dunmow II v Harlow Tn, Potter Street v Essendon.

Div five: Theydon Bois II v Harlow Tn II.

Div seven: Harlow Tn III v Potter Street II.

### MONDAY AUGUST 25

#### Football

Ryman League, prem div: Harlow Tn v Dartford (3pm KO).

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

Essex Senior League: Eton Manor v Sawbridgeworth Tn.

Capital League, eastern division: Chelmsford City res v Harlow Tn res.



**HAPPY DAYS:**  
George and Leo  
enjoy the rugger bugs  
session for kids  
(VZ177Y7Y-7)

## Happy birthday!

THE first anniversary of "Rugger Bugs" was marked by a special training session for youngsters at Mark Hall School.

Rugger Bugs was set up last year with 20 children in Harlow but has expanded to four different venues, including Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden.

Around 100 youngsters aged 2- to 5-years-old attended Sunday's event which aimed to improve children's basic rugby skills such as jumping and turning. They were all presented with balloons which had a rugby ball painted on them.

Rugby coach, Andy Peasey, who ran the event, said: "It's all about introducing them to motor skills such as jumping, turning and catching. It increases their self-confidence and they are more advanced than children who do not do it."



**TOP TALENT:** Steve Jones with the Sir Henry Cotton Junior Open trophy  
Photo: Steve Weemes (BDD9KPB05)

# Where did it all go wrong?

## Season gets worse for woeful Harlow

Walthamstow 165,  
Harlow 53

Harlow lost by 112 runs  
(Shepherd Neame Essex  
League, division two)

**SKIPPER James Butler held his hands up after Harlow sunk to an ignominious home defeat at the hands of Walthamstow.**

Replying to the visitors' total of 165, Harlow were bundled out for just 53.

Bowler Luke Heskett (10) was the only home batsman to reach double figures.

Quick bowler Andy Fernandes, who had earlier struck 51, claimed 7-25 and seamer Greg Harris (3-20) bowled unchanged as

the hosts were dismissed for just 27.1 overs.

Butler said: "Fernandes was just too good for us. We were just outplayed and just shot down."

Saturday's defeat is just the latest of a sequence of bad results which has seen Harlow go without a win since June, which leaves them seventh after leading the table at one stage.

Butler said: "Even when we were winning, the cracks were being papered over.

There were individual performances that won it for us. There is a lack of quality."

Harlow's dismal display saw their top five

amass only 14 between them and at one stage they had slipped to 27-7, before adding 26 for the last three wickets.

The highest scorer from the top five was

Nilesh Odedra who made a mere 6 before he was bowled by Fernandes.

Fernandes' dominance was outlined by the fact that he clean bowled four Harlow batsman and trapped two lbw as he proved unplayable at times.

Earlier, Walthamstow had slipped to 17-2 after Zap Nazir and Tom Worthington had taken a wicket apiece.

However, the visitors' innings was rescued by Fernandes and Asif Bola (48), who put on 105 for the third wicket.

After they were split up, the rest of the batting fold-

**SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX CRICKET LEAGUE**  
Up to & incl Sat Aug 16

Division Two	P	W	D	L	Nr	Tot
Five & Hs	15	10	2	2	1	204
Loughton	15	8	5	0	2	196
Walthamstow	15	8	2	4	1	188
Harold Wood	15	4	6	4	1	167
Leigh on Sea	15	5	3	4	3	160
Hadleigh & Thur	15	6	5	2	1	156
Harlow	15	5	2	7	1	142
Shenfield	15	4	2	8	1	136
Old Souths	15	2	4	8	1	124
Southend	15	1	3	10	1	102

ed. Worthington (3-30), Nazir (3-69) and Odedra (3-9) shared the wickets.

Elsewhere, Harlow IIs (172-6; Nilesh Modhwadia 50) beat Saffron Walden (171-7) by four wickets in division one.

Danny Stone bowled extremely economically for Harlow, taking 1-50 from 23 overs.

In division one of the 3rd XI championship, Harlow (89) lost by 60 runs at Westcliff-on-Sea (149).



**WHAT A JOKE!**  
The season has gone from bad to worse for Harlow skipper James Butler

# Town clinch back-to-back titles

HAVING celebrated promotion last week, Harlow Town wrapped up the division three championship with an emphatic victory at Willingale.

Saturday's triumph left them 60 points ahead of second-placed Dunmow. With two games left they cannot be caught at the top.

Town have stormed through the Herts & Essex Cricket League, having only joined in 2006.

It was Vic Goddard's side's second successive championship, having sealed the division four title last term.

But Harlow had to make sure they won against Willingale last Saturday to avoid a nerve-biting match against Dunmow in two days' time.

Harlow Tn 277,  
Willingale 134

Town won by 143 runs  
(Lords International Herts & Essex League, division three)

Goddard, who missed Saturday's match, said: "We would not have settled for anything less than that [the title] and with the young players coming through in the club I feel we can win the next league.

"We have a booming junior section and it's very much a local team. All but one or two live in the town."

Town batted first against Willingale and the main innings came from Darryl Pettingell, hitting 59, while Ramya Upadhyay struck 50. Stand-in skipper Dan

Calver smashed 30 off just 13 balls as Town racked up a score of 277 which the hosts never looked like chasing down.

The visitors took control in the field and Ashley Alderson bowled at pace without much luck until he had opener Steve Stammers caught at slip by Karl Seecharan.

Simon Rowell (3-35) was the main wicket taker.

He took the key wicket of batsman Andy Robinson, who had batted well for his 54.

But a depleted Willingale side were easily brushed aside allowing Town to celebrate a second successive title.

In division three, **POTTER STREET** (210) lost at Roding Valley (217-5) by seven runs. Harlow Town seconds had

**THE LORDS INTERNATIONAL HERTS & ESSEX CRICKET LEAGUE**  
Up to & incl Sat Aug 16

Division 3	P	W	D	L	Nr	Tot
Harlow Town (C)	16	13	3	0	0	356
Dunmow II	16	10	5	0	1	296
Roding Valley	16	8	6	0	2	258
Woodford Wells IV	16	8	8	0	0	250
Potter Street	16	7	0	2	2	232
St. Loughton II	16	7	0	2	2	211
Molehill Green	16	6	8	0	2	209
Willingale	16	6	7	0	3	209
Essendon	16	5	8	0	3	186
Elsenham (R)	16	2	13	0	1	80

no fixture and in division seven, Harlow Town III (265-7; Scott Alderson 87, Michael Bailey 52 not out) triumphed by 155 runs at Nazeing Common II (110; Shaun Alderson 4-45, Charlie Coleman 3-11).

In the same division, Potter Street II (237-4) beat High Roding III (236-6) by six wickets.

## Golfers can't keep up with the Jones boy

STEVE Jones secured his second major title at Canons Brook Golf Club this season when he captured the prestigious Sir Henry Cotton Junior Open tournament.

The annual tournament was held last Friday at Canons Brook Golf Club, with players from all over the South East taking part.

Sixteen-year-old Harlow lad Jones, the club's current men's champion, produced a stunning first round 67 (6 under par) followed by a second round of 72 on the par-73 course, to seal victory.

The competition is named after the famous British golfer, Sir Henry, who actually designed the Elizabeth Way course in the mid-1950s.

Earlier in the week, Jones paired up with Canons Brook's junior captain Michael Lane and the pair took the Essex Scratch Matchplay Trophy.

Lane himself also triumphed last Monday at the Abridge scratch junior open with rounds of 76 and 74 in what were very windy and testing conditions.

● CANONS Brook is looking to recruit new juniors of any level and have programmes in place to ensure they have excellent tuition. For further details contact the club on (01279) 421482.

## Roy's efforts in vain for Epping

West Essex 178, Epping 108

Epping lost by 70 runs

(Shepherd Neame Essex League, division three)

AN accomplished all-round display from Prong Roy could not prevent Epping from slipping to a heavy home defeat at the hands of West Essex.

Seamer Roy took five wickets as West Essex batted first and scored 178 all out.

Arsnan Shahzad top scored with 54, while Epping skipper Shahid Majeed took three wickets.

In reply, Epping slumped to 20-4 before Roy (39) and Nasir Iqbal (22) put on 60 for the fifth wicket, but after they were split up the later order collapsed.

Majeed said: "We did not apply ourselves and we gave the game away. Another big partnership would have seen us do it."



## Judo ace crashes out in Beijing

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Cousins, who suffered a cut to the head during the bout, was frustrated to get nothing from a competition where he felt he had made all the running.

"He didn't really do any attacks at all – if you're the man doing all the work you should win," he said.

"I kept the attacks coming – I'm not the biggest guy but I'm a tough fighter.

"I think Zhorzhiani was very tired from fighting me and he fought a guy who I would have beaten," he said in reference to his opponent's failure to bring him back into the repechage.

However, he took comfort in the future Olympic opportunities when the Games comes to London in four years' time.

"If I didn't go to 2012 – it would be like having a party going on next door and I wasn't invited. In 2012 I'll be so strong that I won't have to worry about decisions by judges."

The Harlow fighter was denied a second chance in the repechage because his victory failed to reach the semi-finals.

Cousins was originally banned from the Olympics two years ago after he missed three drugs tests, but he was reinstated following a successful appeal.

His first round opponent in Beijing was fifth in both the 2007 World and European Championships and had claimed gold at the World Cup in Tbilisi, Georgia, this year.

However, Cousins had beaten the Georgian on the way to finishing fifth at this year's European Championships.

## Angels clip Hawks' wings

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Midfielder Clydie Roberts made his Hawks league debut at the Longmead Stadium and there was also a first league appearance for 17-year-old central defender Paul Kear.

Tuesday's match was marked by six bookings from whistle happy referee Lloyd Rendall from Woking in Surrey, including two yellows for Harlow defender Mark Taylor (disent) and striker Jamie Richards (foul).

Both sides created chances but neither keeper was seriously tested before the Kent side went ahead on 39 minutes.

Jordan Fowler lost possession in midfield and Phil Starkey and John Westcott combined on the right wing before the former crossed for Fraser Logan, whose fine header gave James Hasell no chance.

The hosts doubled their lead a minute after the interval. Logan fired in a free-kick from the right and Carl Rook was fouled by Kirby in the box.

Rook beat Hasell from the spot via the inside of the keeper's right-hand post.

Fowler fired wide on 56 minutes and Clark Akers was denied by a last-ditch tackle from Simon Glover on 75 minutes.

At the other end Hasell saved well from Westcott.

Harlow had a shout for a penalty turned down when a Taylor cross appeared to have been handled.

Kirby said: "It [the penalty incident] happened too quickly. We got punished for slight errors and we could not get shots away in the last third."

**HARLOW TN:** Hasell, Taylor, S. Gliddon, Hollenbach, Kirby, Kear, Lalite, Fowler (Akers 78), Richards, Bunn, Roberts. Subs not used: Green, Tague, Francis, Hardy (gk). Att: 460.

## No sun, but lots of fun!

AROUND 70 children defied the rain to take part as the FA Tesco Skills Roadshow came to Harlow on Monday.

The car park at the Tesco store in Edinburgh Way was a temporary 'pitch' for children aged 5- to 11-years-old, who had the speed of their shots measured by a speed gun as well as improving the accuracy of their shooting as they aimed at a target in an inflatable goal.

The youngsters also took part in small-sided games such as two versus two or three against three.

Tesco skills leader for



**SKILLS ON SHOW:** Triplets, from left, James, Lauren and Sophie Ash, all 8, with FA Skills coach Dan Pilcher at the Tesco store in Edinburgh Way, Harlow, on Monday

Essex Matthew Joseph, who organised the event, said: "It was a great day for the children.

Youngsters who did not

know each other played with other children and made a friend they could play football with.

"There were some youngsters who showed

some skill.

"It was also a chance for youngsters who normally do not play football and they really enjoyed it."

# Bar humbug!

## Penalty miss costs Hawks first day scalp

Harlow Tn 1, Sutton Utd 1

(Ryman League, prem div)

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**JAMIE Richards' first-half penalty miss ultimately denied the Hawks a surprise win over title favourites Sutton United as the Ryman premier division season began with an entertaining game at Barrows Farm.**

The score was poised at 1-1 when Steve McKimm's moment of madness in handballing Mark Taylor's dangerous cross into the box, gave referee Ashvin Degnarain no choice but to point to the spot on Saturday.

But Richards blasted the 36th-minute spot-kick against the bar and the visitors were reprieved.

Sutton's McKimm escaped with a yellow card when he really should have been sent off for the handball.

"It was a deliberate handball. Two players were behind him [McKimm] and although a bit of work had to be done to score a goal it was



**TARGET MAN:** Jamie Richards celebrates his goal with Beckett Hollenbach, but his penalty miss soon after ultimately cost his side three points (BGPLB9PQ08)

a goalscoring opportunity and their player was lucky [not to be sent off]," said Hawks player-boss Kirby.

Earlier, Sutton started well and with barely a minute on the clock Hawks keeper James Hasell superbly tipped around Craig Dundas' effort. From the ensuing corner Danny Green headed off the line from Chris Collins.

The visitors were

from close range by Gavin McCallum, past a sleepy Harlow defence.

The second half got off to a fiery start when Hawks skipper James Bunn caught Nichols who had made a low save, prompting a fracas from which the home striker was booked.

Sutton had the better of the second half and Matt Hann should have scored before Hasell made a flying stop from McCallum on 79 minutes.

Player-boss Ryan Kirby's error three minutes into stoppage time gave McCallum a chance to snatch victory. However, his shot hit the inside of the right post and bounced back to Hasell.

Reprieved, Harlow broke and Richards had another chance to steal three points. But his lob flew wide with Nichols to beat.

Of Harlow's new signings from Canvey Island, midfielder Daniel Francis was given a late cameo appearance.

Clydie Roberts did not feature. "It was fair result but we had the opportunities to win it. We have to be more ruthless," added Kirby.

**HARLOW TN:** Hasell 7, Taylor 6, Hollenbach 5, Chapman 6, Kirby 7, Akers 6 (Francis 87), Lalite 5, Fowler 5, Richards 7, Bunn 6, Green 7. Subs not used: S. Gliddon, Roberts, Kear, Tague. Att: 376.

## Mitchinson suffers final heartbreak

BOWLS player Steve Mitchinson suffered more heartbreak as his Essex mixed fours team lost in the EBA (English Bowls Association) National Final on Sunday.

It was the second weekend running that the Harlow player had lost at the national finals at Worthing in West Sussex.

His team went down 26-11 to Devon.

The previous week the player had represented Romford Bowls Club when they lost in the National Top Club final.

Mitchinson remained upbeat despite the defeat. He told **Star Sport**: "Reaching two national finals is a great achievement, hopefully this can be a stepping stone to more honours in the main four competitions in the future."

Completing a disappointing end to the fortnight at Worthing, Mitchinson's Essex team also suffered an early exit in the triples competition.

After his loss in the final of the National Top Club contest, Mitchinson was determined to have a good run in the triples.

However, on a difficult rink and in changing conditions that included several torrential downpours forcing the players to leave the rink on at least two occasions, it was not going to be straight forward.

Playing against a triple from Cambridgeshire, Essex sneaked into a 3-2 lead but this was short-lived and Cams moved ahead and won comfortably in the end by 10 shots.

The Harlow player then teamed up with players from Romford Bowls Club and Rainham Bowls Club in the last 16 of the mixed fours.

Essex beat Oxfordshire by one shot in the first game. Their opponents had England international Katherine Hawes in their lineup.

Worcestershire were Essex's quarter-final opponents and Mitchinson had the chance for revenge on Mark Atkins, who had previously beaten him in a pairs semi-final a few years back.

Essex dominated this game and were 12 shots ahead when Worcestershire conceded.

They then faced one of the tournament favourites and previous winners from Northamptonshire, who included ex-international Paul Broderick, in the last four.

Mitchinson's quartet established an early 8-2 lead and eventually their opponents conceded with two ends to play when 11 shots behind.

In the final, Devon lined up with current England international James Webber and one of the best young bowlers in England, Sam Tolchard.

Essex started well and opened up a 6-2 lead but Devon hit back to go 11-6 up.

Consistent bowling from the team from the South West opened up a healthy gap and Essex eventually conceded with the score at 26-11.

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## Sawbridgeworth defeat league cup holders in first group game

THE Robins maintained their composure well to beat Essex Senior League Cup holders Eton Manor 2-1 at home in their first group match on Tuesday evening.

Sawbridgeworth Town went ahead on 23 minutes. Paul Baker's free-kick found Ashley Conlan in the six-yard box and he deflected the ball in.

The equaliser came on the hour mark. A quick free-kick from just outside the box was finished by Bradley Nelson while the hosts were still organising the wall.

Sawbridgeworth fought back and their lead was restored on 70 minutes. Kevin Moore smashed a shot against Manor's bar and the rebound was not cleared before sub-

stitute Jim Wyatt stroked the ball in from six yards.

● EPPING lost 5-3 at Takeley reserves in a friendly on Tuesday. Danny Turpin, new assistant player-manager Steve Nicks and Braham Sonku (pen) netted.

On Saturday, Epping drew 2-2 at Royston reserves. Glen Surety was among the scorers.



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## Angels clip Hawks' wings

Tonbridge Angels 2,  
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(Ryman League, premier division)

**RYAN Kirby is looking for more a ruthless edge in front of goal when the Hawks face two more Kent-based sides over the Bank Holiday weekend.**

Harlow Town, who lost 2-0 at Tonbridge on Tuesday evening, are still searching for their first win and have one point heading into Saturday's trip to Maidstone United.

The Hawks then entertain Dartford at home on Monday. Player-boss Kirby said: "It's a matter of converting chances. The execution has been missing."

"Last year players were looking to others for inspiration but this time the players have pressed on. Their attitude and work rate has been spot on."

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dover Athletic	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Boreham Wood	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
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Hendon	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Maidstone Utd	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Tonbridge Angels	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Horsham	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Staines Tn	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Billerica Tn	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
AFC Hornchurch	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Sutton Utd	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Margate	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Ramsgate	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Wealdstone	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Canvey Island	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
<b>HARLOW TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Heybridge Swifts	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Harrow Boro	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Tooting & Mitcham U.	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
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# Joy . . .

**ACER Nethercott was a Harlow medal hero as he helped his Great Britain eights rowing team clinch a silver medal in Beijing on Sunday.**

And when he spoke to our reporter in Beijing, Andrew Franczak, the 30-year-old cox felt the gold medal was well within his crew's grasp.

Former Mark Hall School student Nethercott, who has represented Oxford in three University Boat Races, said: "Talk to me in a week and I'll be absolutely over the moon and proud as anything. I'm a silver medalist."

The crew were beaten by the Canada team.

Having dominated their heats, it was hoped that the eights team would add to Great Britain's phenomenal gold medal success at the Olympics in China.

"Our aim was gold and we really thought we were capable of getting gold," he said.

## Olympic silver medal for Nethercott

The powerful Canada eight led from the start and never looked likely to relinquish first place, and with it a place in the history books as the first crew for 35 years to grab Olympic gold the year after winning the world championship.

The Canadians were a full boat length in front by the halfway point, and although both GB and the USA fought back strongly in the closing 250m to ensure a tight finish, there was simply not enough water left to overhaul Canada.

Cox Nethercott drove his crew of Alex



**SILVER SURFER:**

Acer Nethercott and his Great Britain eights rowing team claimed a silver medal on Sunday (s)

Partridge, Tom Stallard, Tom Lucy, Richard Egington, Josh West, Alastair Heathcote, Matt Langridge and Colin Smith hard for the line to ensure Team GB finished narrowly ahead of the United States in a time of 5:25.11.

"There was a stage where we started losing it," said Nethercott. "But you need momentum and Canada had it."

"There's absolutely no question about the commitment and physical effort the guys put in."

"Perhaps we didn't row technically as well as we could have done. At this level you've got to be on top in every aspect of the game. Unfortunately you don't get prizes for athletic commitment."

"Our race plan was to do our own thing and only with about 250m to go, I realised we weren't going fast enough."

● HARLOW Council will hold a special flag-raising ceremony at 3.45pm on Sunday at the Civic Centre when chairman Andrew Johnson is expected to praise Nethercott's achievement in a speech.

# and pain



**BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS:** A bloodied Peter Cousins is distraught as the referee signals the end of his Olympics (s)

## Judo ace crashes out in Beijing

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**PETER Cousins cut a frustrated figure and aimed his anger firmly at the judges after a surprise early exit in the heavyweight judo competition in Beijing.**

Harlow's Cousins, the 2007 World Judo Championships silver medallist, was beaten by Georgia's Levan Zhorzholiani in the 'golden score' phase of their 100kg category fight last Thursday.

"I kept my work-rate up but my opponent was very negative. I think the judges should have done more about that," fumed 27-year-old Cousins.

He was caught out when Zhorzholiani scored a yuko, just as it had appeared the Georgian was about to concede a penalty for passivity.

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